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We have received Southern papers of the following dates:

Richmond, Nov. 9; Macon, (Ga.) *Confederate*, Nov. 8; Augusta (Ga.) *Chronicle*, Nov. 4; Savannah *Republican*, Nov. 4; Mobile *Tribune*, Oct. 28; Charleston *Mercury*, Nov. 5.

These journals furnish us the following important extracts:

MESSAGE OF GOV. BROWN, OF GEORGIA.

The Macon (Ga.) *Confederate*, of Nov. 5, publishes in full the message of Gov. BROWN, which bears date Milledgeville, Nov. 3. He says:

Senators and Representatives:

The period of your annual meeting in General Assembly having arrived, it affords me great pleasure to welcome you to the Capitol, and to assure you of my earnest desire to unite with you harmoniously and cordially in all practical measures which may promote the general welfare and redound to the glory and honor of our beloved State.

We are passing through a trying ordeal—having staked upon the issues of war all that can be valuable or dear to a people. If we are subjugated, we lose home, property, liberty, reputation, and all, so far as this world is concerned, that makes life desirable or its burdens tolerable.

Our enemies have repudiated and trampled under foot the great principals of constitutional liberty, and have attempted to rear, upon the ruins of our Republican institutions, a consolidated empire, under the popular name of a union of States. We have taken up arms to resist this, and to maintain republicanism in its purity, with the sovereignty of the States and the personal rights and liberties of the people. No people ever accepted the alternative of war in a nobler cause, or exhibited to the world a more sublime spectacle of moral grandeur and heroic valor. Our gallant armies have won for these States a name which will stand upon a bright page in history, when pyramids have decayed and marble monuments have crumbled into dust. It should be the pleasure of the patriot and pride of the hero to contribute his property, his energies, and, if need be, his life, for the success of so noble a cause. Upon our success depends the last hope of republican institutions and civil liberty, with constitutional guarantees. He who would prove recreant to so sacred a cause, or from a desire of personal aggrandizement or the gratification of personal ambition, would trample under his feet and sacrifice these great principles which underlie the very foundations of our federative system, and upon the success of which the happiness of unborn millions depends, deserves an eternity of infamy with the everlasting execrations of mankind upon his head.

As a band of patriots, let us unite all our energies and exert all our influence for the success of our glorious cause, and for the maintenance in their original purity of the great principles of civil and religious liberty, which form the very pillars upon which the temple of our republicanism rests.

CONFEDERATE RELATIONS.

The war is still waged against the people of the Confederate States, by the Government of the United States, with a vindictiveness and cruelty which has few parallels in history. For nearly four years we have met the mighty assaults of the Federal armies, and have repulsed and driven them back on many a hard fought field. We have lost important points, but none which we cannot temporarily surrender to the enemy, and, with good management, finally succeed. Atlanta was probably the most vital point to our success that has been won by the superior numbers of the enemy. Its fall was a severe blow, and for a time caused great despondency among our people. I am happy to see, however, that they are fast recovering from depression, and confidence is being restored.

He next asks why the troops west of the Mississippi were not brought east of that river, and adds:

We may, as we have a right to do, differ among ourselves as to the wisdom of a certain line of policy, and of certain acts of the Confederate administration, and some of us may deplore its errors and mismanagement, while others may attempt to justify all its mistakes and defend all its errors, and may be ready in advance to approve everything it may do, and still we may all, as one man, remain true to our sacred cause, and be prepared, if necessary, to expend our last dollar and shed our last drop of blood in its defence.

THE CONTINUANCE OF THE WAR AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE.

While I am satisfied *a large majority of the people of this State disapprove many of the acts and much of the policy of the Confederate Administration, I am of opinion there are but a very small number of the people of Georgia who are disloyal to the cause*, or who would consent to close the war without the achievement of the great ends for which we took up arms—the independence of the Confederate States and the vindication and establishment of the sovereignty of the several States.

Confederate Independence without State sovereignty and constitutional and religious liberty, would be very little better than subjugation, as matters little who our master is, if we are to have one. We should therefore keep constantly in view the *great principles upon which we entered into this unequal contest, and should rebuke every* encroachment made upon them by our own government, while we resist, with arms in our hands, like assaults made upon them by our enemies. While our gallant troops in the field are sacrificing he comforts of home, property, health and even life itself, and are enduring all the hardships, perils and dangers of the service, they should never for once lose sight of the great principles of equality, liberty and constitutional republicanism, for which they unfurled freedom's banners in the face of the enemy. Nor should they ever consent to lay down their arms till these principles are recognized by our foe, and faithfully carried out in practice by our own Government. In other words, we should never be contented until we have established upon a firm basis the good old republican institutions of our fathers in all their purity, and never under any circumstance consent to accept in their place *strong* centralized government with military despotism. *I do not see how it can be denied by any candid man that we have, in practice, made fearful strides, since the war began, towards a centralized Government with unlimited powers.*

The constant tendencies of the war have been to the subordination of the civil authorities to the laws of the military, and the concentration of the supreme power in the hands of the Commander-in-chief of the armies. The longer the war lasts, the greater the tendency to this result, and the less probability at its termination of a return to the constitutional forms and republican simplicity which existed at its commencement.

But it may be asked, *when is this bloody struggle to terminate?* No human forecast can so far penetrate the future as to give a satisfactory reply to this question. The Northern States have resources and men enough to enable them to continue the war for years to come, and we have sufficient power to baffle all their schemes of subjugation. The sword can never make peace between the two contending parties. When this is done, it will be by *negotiation*. The prospect seems to indicate that the war may probably last till both sections are exhausted, before the passions of the people will subside, and reason so far resume her sway as the only means of adjustment which can terminate the bloody strife. This may not take place till we have accumulated a debt on both sides greater than we or our posterity can ever pay—till hundreds of thousands more men have been slain, and millions of women and children have been reduced to widowhood, orphanage and poverty—till our taxes have become so burdensome that endurance is no longer possible—till the civil laws cease to be respected, and highway robbery and murder are the daily business of predatory bands, and till the Federal and Confederate Governments have usurped and exercised all the powers claimed by the most absolute despots, each pleading in extenuation of its usurpations the necessity growing out of the like usurpations by the other.

There is reason to fear that President Lincoln, if re-elected, and President Davis, whose passions are inflamed against each other, may never be able to agree upon terms for the commencement of negotiations, and that the war must continue to rage in all its fury till there is a change of Administration, unless the people of both countries in their aggregate capacity as sovereign States, bring their powerful influence to bear, requiring both Governments to stop the war, and leave the question to be settled upon the principles of 1776, as laid down in the Georgia resolutions, passed at your late session.

These resolutions, in substance, propose that the treaty-making powers in both Governments agree to stop the war, and leave each and any one of the sovereign States, by a convention of its people, fairly chosen by the legal and duly qualified voters, to determine for itself whether it will unite its destinies with the one or the other Confederacy. There may be doubts whether Missouri, Kentucky or Maryland wish to remain component parts of the Government of the United States, or to unite with the Confederate States. If either one of those States shall refuse to unite with us, we have no just rights to demand such union, as we have neither the right to coerce a sovereign State, nor to govern her without her consent. And, if we had the right, we certainly have not the power, as we can only govern a State without her consent by subjugation, and we have no power to subjugate any one of those States, with the whole power of the United States at her back, prepared to defend her against our attacks.

We should stand ready, therefore, at all times to settle the difficulty by a reference of the question of future alliance, to the States whose positions may be doubtful, for determination by them in their sovereign capacity.

Our Congress, in its manifesto, indorses the great principles of the Georgia resolutions, and the President has said in his messages that he desires peace upon the principles to defend which we entered into the struggle. I am not aware, however, of any direct tender of adjustment upon these principles having been recently made by the treaty-making power of our Government to the same power in the Federal Government. I regret that the wish of Georgia, as expressed through her Legislature, has not been respected in this particular. Such a direct tender, made through Commissioners by President Davis to President LINCOLN, would place the question fairly and properly before the States and people of the North for discussion and action. Had it been done months since, it could not have failed to have had a powerful influence upon the Presidential election in the North, which may have much to do with the future course and conduct of the war.

It may be said, however, that the proposition to settle our difficulties upon these terms made by President DAVIS to President LINCOLN, would be a letting down of the dignity of our Government, and might be construed as an evidence of conscious weakness on our part. I confess my inability to see how the direct tender of settlement upon these great and correct principles by the treaty-making power in our Government, could compromise the dignity of our Government, any more than an indirect tender of the same proposition through the irregular channel of an Executive message or a Congressional manifesto.

There is more true dignity in a direct, open, manly tender through the constituted channel. But nice questions of official etiquette and false notions of personal dignity should be laid aside, when they intervene to prevent action upon which the blood of thousands and the happiness of millions may depend.

The Democratic party of the North which is the only party there claiming to maintain State right principles, and which has great strength and power, whatever may be its fortunes in the coming election, has declared in favor of a suspension of hostilities and a convention of all the States as the best means of adjustment. And I see no good reason why the treaty making power in our Government should not tender this proposition to the Government of the United States. There can certainly be nothing like humiliation or degredation in a proposition to leave the settlement of a question which the General Governments, which are the creatures of the States, cannot agree upon, to their creators—the sovereign States themselves.

However much the idea may be ridiculed to prejudice the popular mind by the enemies of State sovereignty, the convention if called would no doubt be one of the most able and dignified assemblages that ever met upon this continent. In so trying an emergency, involving issues of such an immense magnitude, the State would doubtless select their wisest, ablest, and best men to represent them, men whose passions have been subdued by age and reflections, and who are alike distinguished for love of justice, balance of mind, and dignity of character. Such a convention composed of the greatest and best men of the country, of mature age and large experience, with the scenes of blood, carnage and desolation through which we have passed fresh in their recollection, and the present and prospective condition of the country well known to them, could hardly be expected to decide in favor of a continuation of the war, with all its blighting effects upon both the North and the South, or to adjourn without submitting a plan of settlement honorable and just to the people of both Confederacies, and to all the States.

All questions of boundary and inland navigation, and all treaties of amity, commerce and alliance, and all agreements necessary to preserve in future the just balance of power upon the continent, could be properly shaped in such a convention, and proposed to the treaty making powers as the result of its deliberations. Or it might be agreed in advance by the treaty making powers that the convention settle the whole question, and that its action be final and conclusive when submitted back to the people of the several States and ratified by them respectively.

In that event it must, of course, be understood that each State would enter the convention as a separate independent sovereign—the equal of every other State—and that the action of the body, as in case of the conventions which formed the constitutions of the United States and of the Confederate States would only be binding upon each State, when submitted back to and freely ratified by the people thereof in their sovereign capacity.

The propriety of submitting the question by the treaty-making powers to a convention of the sovereign States, is the more obvious, in view of the want of power in the Presidents and Senates of the two Governments to make a treaty of peace without the consent of the sovereign States to be affected by it. No permanent treaty of peace can be made which does not contain an article fixing the boundaries of the two Governments, when the whole country is inhabited as ours is, and one or the other Government must exercise immediate jurisdiction over the inhabitants of each State and each county. In other words, we can have no treaty of peace that does not define the State or parts of States that are to be embraced in each Government. And this can only be done by the consent of the States themselves. The action of *separate States* is, therefore, an indispensable preliminary to the validity of any treaty of peace that can be made. This action may, by agreement of the treaty-making powers, take place prior or subsequent to the date of the treaty, but in either case the effect is the same, as the validity of the treaty is dependent upon the action of *separate States*.

Suppose it is agreed by the treaty-making powers that the State of Ohio shall become part of the Confederate States, when an overwhelming majority of her people in convention, called by the proper State authority, decide by solemn ordinance to remain with the United States. Or suppose it is agreed by the treaty-making powers that Kentucky shall remain part of the United States, when two-thirds of her people decide to go with the Confederate States. Will any one contend that the treaty-making power has the right thus to dispose of States, and assign them their future positions without their consent? And will anybody say that a treaty of peace can be made without defining the Govesnment with which Ohio or Kentucky shall be associated in future?

Suppose, again, that the treaty-making powers, in fixing the boundaries of the two confederacies, should agree to a division of Virginia, and that the territory embraced in the pretended new State, formed of part of Virginia, shall become part of the United States, and that the balance shall go with the Confederate States. Will any Southern man contend that she can be thus dismembered, and part of her territory ceded by the President and Senate to the Government of the United States without her consent? He who so contends denies the very fundamental principles upon which the Government of the Confederate States was organized. What would the old Virginians of the Jeffersonian school say to this sort of State Sovereignty? What would Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Henry, Lee, Mason, Randolph, and other statesmen of their day have said if they had been told that the Constitution of the United States conferred upon the treaty-making power the right to cede one half the territory of Virginia to a foreign State, without consulting her or obtaining her consent?

If President DAVIS and the Senate have the power to cede part of Virginia to the United States in fixing the boundaries of the two Confederacies without her consent, they have as much power to cede the whole State to Great Britain or France for commercial advantages. Or to cede Georgia to the United States in consideration that the other States shall be recognized and the war cease. Such a proposition is too preposterous for serious argument.

He who claims such powers for the President and Senate, would not only degrade the States to the position of provinces, but would clothe the treaty-making power of the Confederacy with imperial dignity greater than the most enlightened monarchies of the present day assume to themselves. It has been claimed, as one of the prerogatives of sovereigns, that they could cede to each other their provinces at will. But in the late treaty between the Emperors of France and Austria, the former refused to accept a province ceded by the latter, and incorporate it into his Empire, and govern it till the question was submitted to the people of the province, and they gave their consent.

It is certainly too clear to be successfully questioned, that the Governments of the two Confederacies have no power to make a treaty of peace, and fix the boundaries of the two countries, which, situated as we are, is a necessary part of the treaty, without the concurrence and consent of the individual States to be affected by it. If this cannot be done without the consent of the States, where is the objection to a convention of the States, to settle in advance the necessary preliminaries to which their consent is indispensable before the treaty can be valid or binding. In the convention it could be agreed which States would go with the North and which with the South, and the ratification of the action of the convention by the treaty-making powers, and by the people of the several States to be affected by it, when of a character to require their separate action, would fix the future *status* of the different States, and the proper boundaries of the two Confederacies.

While I am satisfied that separate State action may, and most probably will, be a necessary preliminary to a treaty of peace, I do not wish to be misunderstood upon this point. The sovereign States of the Confederacy each seceded from the old Union. This they had a perfect right to do. And each is as sovereign in the present Confederacy as she was in the old, and has the same right under the like circumstances which she then exercised. But when those States seceded and formed the present Confederacy, and entered into the present defensive war together, they at least by strong implication, pledged themselves to stand by and aid each other against the common enemy till the end of the struggle. Thus situated, I deny that any one of the States can honorably withdraw from the contest without the consent of her sister States, and make a separate treaty of peace with the enemy.

The people of the States can meet in convention, and abolish the Confederate Government whenever its usurpations and abuses of power have reached a point, where the sovereignty of the States and the rights and liberties of the people are no longer secure under it. The people of the Northern Government have a right to do the same, by a like convention, and to establish a new Government in place of the present tyranny by which they are controlled.

If the people of the two Confederacies have this power, which will not, I presume, be denied by any one professing the State Rights doctrines of 1776, why may they not meet together in convention and agree upon the boundaries and treaties necessarily growing out of a separation which is already an accomplished fact?

I am well aware that the advocates of strong central power both in the United States and the Confederate States, including many of the office holders of both governments, and the place hunters and large government contractors who have made millions of dollars out of the government, without once exposing their persons to danger in battle, and the secret spies in the employment of the governments who are supported out of the large *secret service* funds at the command of the two Presidents, to do their bidding, and such officials as wear gold lace in cities and drive fine horses and carriages, supported out of the public crib, while all around them are misery and want; and the large provost and passport corps, scattered among our country villages and upon our railroads, jealous of the prerogatives of the central power, and anxious to maintain and extend them, are ready by their action to deny that the States have anything left but the name, or that they can have any agency in negotiating a treaty of peace, or that they can meet in convention to consider on this subject without being guilty as "traitorous States." Those minions of power protected from the dangers of battle-field, never fail to impugn the motives and question the loyalty of every one who denies the legality of any act of the Government or questions the wisdom of any part of its policy.

They very cordially adopt the maxim "the King can do no wrong." Of course all such are loud and clamorous in their denunciations of those who advocate a convention of States to agree upon the terms of separation and stop the effusion of blood. It the war should cease they must sink to their level, for then, "Othello's occupation's gone."

But the advocates of free government may safely appeal from all such to the sober sound judgement of the great mass of the American people, North and South, who bear the heavy burdens of the war, without the offices or patronage of either Government, whose sons have been conscribed and torn from them and slaughtered, many of whose homes have been destroyed, and their farms and cities laid waste, who are daily robbed of their property by impressment agents, or other Government officials, without paying them anything for it, who bear the burdens of the enormous taxation necessary to carry on the war, and support all the large classes above mentioned in extravagant indulgences, and whose posterity and property must pay the immense public debt which is constantly augmented. And the appeal may be made with still greater force to the gallant soldier in the storms of Winter and in the weary march; while amid the perils that surround him his thoughts recur to the sufferings of loved ones at home, as well as to all true Christians in both countries. Shall this bloodshed, carnage and desolation continue to gratify the ambition and obstinacy of those in power? Or shall the people of both countries demand of their rulers that the war shall cease, and as it is impossible that the people of the two sections can again live together in harmony, that a convention of all the States be held to agree upon terms of separation, and upon the treaties necessary to the happiness and prosperity of the neighboring Governments at peace with each other.

We may be told that the Northern Government will not agree to such a convention. *I very readily admit that neither the Lincoln Government nor our own will probably agree to it till a stronger pressure of the people is brought to bear upon both, and that the advocates of this policy in the North cannot control it so long as our presses and officials, State and Confederate, denounce the movement, and thereby put weapons in the hands of the Government at Washington with which to crush out this growing sentiment in the North, and more especially in the Northwestern States.* But I think recent developments have shown that this doctrine will bear down everything before it in the North, if met by demonstrations of approval in the South. Stop the war and call a convention of the States to negotiate, and the people of the North, who are as tired of it as we are, will agree to a proper adjustment upon the terms above indicated sooner than resume hostilities.

In the meantime, till proper arrangements can be made to adjust our difficulties, and stop the effusion of blood by negotiation, it is the duty of every man in the Confederacy to do everything possible in his power to strengthen and sustain the gallant and glorious armies of the States and the Confederacy. Every man able to bear arms, who can be spared from home, should be sent to the front, either in the armies of the Confederacy, or as part of the militia of the State, and everything possible be done to provide for the wants and comfort of our troops in the field and their loved ones at home. To enable us to conduct negotiations successfully, we must renew our efforts to strengthen our armies and maintain our cause with ability and energy in the field, cost what it may in blood or treasure. We must not, however, expect the troops to do all by hard fighting, bloodshed and the sacrifice of life. The statesman and the people at home, have an important part to act, as well as the General and the troops in the field in terminating the struggle. If the troops falter and fail to do their part in the hour of battle, the statesman is ready to cast censure upon them. If the statesman neglect his part in conducting wise negotiations to stop the war, the troops have greater cause to censure and condemn him, as he has no right to trifle with their lives and continue to expose them in battle, if the object can be attained by negotiation without the shedding of blood. In a crisis like the present, statesmanship is even more important than generalship. Generals can never stop a war, though it may last twenty years, till one has been able to conquer the other. Statesmen terminate wars by negotiation.

Gov. BROWN next discusses the question of blockade running—shows how the Government has interfered with it, and insists upon certain concessions. He then makes some statements regarding the financial condition of the State, and turning to the Western and Atlantic Railroad, says:

"The loss of our engines and cars has been heavy. The raid under Gen. STONEMAN destroyed, at Gordon and near Griswoldville, seventeen passenger cars and thirty freight cars, and seriously injured four engines and eighteen cars which were in the employment of the Government; transporting ordnance and commissary stores, were destroyed by order of Gen. HOOD, to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy. The families of part of the employes, who have been driven out without shelter, have been permitted to occupy a portion of the freight cars. The balance of the rolling stock, when not engaged carrying cotton, has been used on other roads to carry Government freights for the supply of the army.

The Confederate Government owes the road, as will be seen by the Superintendent's report, the sum of $975,774 69. I have made every effort in my power to collect this, but have not been successful. I trust the Government will not much longer delay payment, which has been withheld from time to time under various pretexts.

PURCHASE OF PROVISIONS.

The conscript law having been extended to fifty years of age, embraces much the greater portion of the planters of this State. Most of these men who make surplus supplies of provisions have received details from military service on condition that they sell to the Confederate Government all their surplus at schedule prices, which are now so far below market value as to afford not even the appearance of just compensation. In this way the Confederate Government prohibits the citizens of Georgia from selling their surplus production to their own State, when the State needs these productions and is ready to pay just compensation for them. This makes it exceedingly difficult for the Quartermasters and Commissaries of the State to procure supplies absolutely necessary for the State troops, indigent exiles and others supported by the State. Under the order of Confederate officers that detailed men should sell only to Confederate agents, the officers of the State during the past summer were driven out of her own markets, and were obliged to so to our sister State Alabama, and purchase corn and import it at a very heavy expense to the Treasury to save the suffering poor from starvation.

For a more detailed statement of the difficulties growing out of this prohibition, you are respectfully referred to the official report of the Quartermaster-General and the Commissary-General.

Some of the other States have enacted laws which authorize the State officers to impress when in the hands of producers such supplies as are needed for State use. This, in my opinion, is the only mode of obviating the difficulty. Such a law should make ample provision to secure just compensation to the owners whose property may be taken. A Confederate regulation cannot be defended upon any principle of reason or justice, which drives a State out of her own markets for the purchase of her necessary supplies.

THE EXILES DRIVEN OUT BY THE ENEMY.

Your attention is invited to the deplorable condition of the unfortunate exiles, who have been driven from their homes in Atlanta, and other parts of the State, by the savage cruelty of the enemy. The inhumanity of the treatment to which these unfortunate sufferers have been subjected, has probably no parallel in modern warfare, and but few in the history of the world. Thousands of helpless women and children, many of them widows and orphans of brave men, who have sacrificed their lives in the defence of the liberties of their country, have been driven from their homes, with but little of their clothing and furniture, and thrown out and exposed upon the ground to all sorts of weather, without food, house, or shelter.

I have had the best means in my power provided for their protection, and have ordered provisions issued to those who were entirely destitute. As I had no special appropriation for this purpose, I have used the military fund, or so much of it as could be spared, not doubting that my course would meet your approval. Tents have been furnished to such as could not get shelter, and I have directed that log-cabins be constructed, at a suitable locality, by the Quartermaster-General, who has taken great interest in their behalf, for their comfort during the winter. The Quartermaster and Commissary-General have done all in their power, with the means at their command, to mitigate the sufferings of this most unfortunate class of our fellow-citizens. I recommend that proper provision be made by law, to supply those who are destitute, with shelter, and the necessaries of life, till they can provide for themselves.

As our armies have retreated and left large sections of country in possession of the enemy, they have found their homes and their families thrown behind the enemy's lines, where the latter are subject, not only to insult and injury, but to great suffering, for the necessaries of life. Under these circumstances, their sympathy and care, for their families, triumphed over their patriotism and sense of duty, and in an unfortunate hour they yielded to their feelings, laid down their arms and abandoned their colors.

A strong appeal should be made to these men to return to their companies, and a free pardon should be extended to each one who will do so. This is already offered to them by Gen. BEAUREGARD, and Gen. Hood and I have reason to believe would be granted by the General in command of each of the military Departments. All who refuse to accept the pardon, and return, should be arrested, and sent forward with the least possible delay.

The civil officers of the State, in their respective counties, with the aid of the military officers, when at home, and the patrol of each county, is believed to be the most effective, for the arrest and return of deserters and stragglers, if placed by the laws of the respective States, under proper legal obligations, to act in this capacity. These officers, by the Constitution of the country and laws of the States, and of the Confederate States, are exempt from Confederate conscription, and should be required in consideration of the exemption extended to them, to keep all deserters and stragglers out of their counties, when not overrun by the enemy.

To compel the civil officers to act, as many of them are not inclined to do so, I recommend the passage of a law authorizing the Governor to turn over the civil officers of any county, or any portion of them, to conscription, when they refuse to act or to obey orders, for the apprehension of stragglers and deserters, from State or Confederate service, and if they cannot be turned over to conscription from age or otherwise, that they be subject to militia duty, and to trial by court-martial, for neglect of duty or refusal to obey orders. And that all necessary penal sanctions be added, to compel the discharge of this duty. Proper provisions should be made, by the Confederate authorities, to receive the deserters at convenient points, not too remote from any part of the State, and to pay jail fees and other necessary expenses promptly. The want of proper regulations, in this particular, deters many civil officers, who would be willing to act, from making arrests, as they have not money to spare, to pay the expenses, and do not know to whom or where they should deliver the persons arrested.

While it is the duty of the States to make provision to compel deserters and persons absent without leave, to return to their commands, an imperative obligation rests upon them to make such provision for the families of the needy as well as secure them from want of the necessaries of life, in the absence of their husbands and fathers. Whatever tax upon the wealth of each State, may be necessary for this purpose, should be assessed by legislators without hesitation, and paid by property holders without compliment.

ROBBER BANDS OF DESERTERS AND STRAGGLING CAVALRY.

It is a lamentable fact that bands of deserters from our armies, and small bodies of cavalry belonging to the Confederate service, are constantly robbing and plundering our people of their stock, provisions and other property. This is generally done by these robber bands under the pretext of exercising the power of impressment, in the name of the Government or of some General, who not only knows nothing of their conduct, but disapproves and condemns it. They go armed, and take what they please by intimidation and force, having regard to neither age, sex nor condition. They are not amenable to any civil process, as there is not generally sufficient force at home to arrest them, and they pass on and cannot in future be identified. If arrested and committed to prison they will aid each other to escape by force if necessary. They are a lawless banditti, and should be so treated.

I therefore recommend the passage of an act declaring all such outlaws, and authorizing any citizen, or association of citizens whom they may attempt to rob, to shoot them down, or slay them in any other way in their power, and to band together and follow them when they have committed a robbery in any neighborhood, and slay them wherever found. This is the only protection left our people at home against the depredations of these incorrigible thieves.

CONVENTION OF GOVERNORS.

I transmit herewith a copy of resolutions, adopted by the Governors of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, convened in Augusta on Monday, the 17th of October last, and respectfully recommend the enactment of such laws as are necessary to carry these resolutions into practical effect, so far as they contemplate action by the Legislatures of the respective States. I also request the exercise of your legislative influence to induce Congress to carry out such portions of recommendations as are addressed to that body. It is proper, in this connection, for me to remark, that *I do not wish to be understood by either of said resolutions, that I advocate the policy, in the present condition of our affairs, of arming our slaves.* I do, however, advocate the use of them as teamsters, cooks, hospital servants, and in every menial capacity in which their services can be made useful, or in which they can relieve freemen from such pursuits that they may take up arms.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I earnestly invoke the blessings of Almighty God upon your deliberations, and humbly pray that he will endow you with wisdom from above, and will guide and direct all your councils, till they result in the adoption of measures, and the enactment of laws, which, while they strengthen our forces, and give victory to our arms, will lead to just negotiations which may stop the war, with all its horrors, and secure the independence of the Confederacy, with the rights and sovereignty of the States unimpaired, thereby enabling us to maintain, to the latest generation, the inestimable blessing of civil and religious liberty, protected by adequate constitutional guarantees.

JOSEPH E. BROWN.

THE REBEL FINANCES.

The report of the rebel Secretary of Treasury, dated Nov. 7, 1864, gives the operations of the department for the six months ending Oct. 1, 1864. The receipts were $415,191,550, comprising, among other items, the following principal details:

From four per cent., registered bonds, act 17th February, 1864	$13,363,500
From six per cent. bonds, $500,000,000 loan, act Feb. 17, 1864	14,481,050
From four per cent. call certificates, act 17th February, 1864	20,978,100
From tax on old issue of certificates, redeemed	14,440,566
From repayments by disbursing officers	20,115,830
From Treasury Notes, under act 17th February, 1864	277,576,450
From war tax	42,294,314
From sequestration	1,238,732
From customs	50,604
From export duty	4,320
From coin seized by authority of the Secretary of War	1,653,200
From premium on loans	4,822,249
From soldiers' tax	908,622

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures during the same period are as follows:

War Department	$246,367,442
Navy Department	15,554,802
Customs	28,565
Civil, miscellaneous and foreign intercourse	10,427,674
Total	$272,378,505
Public debt—for payment of interest	10,772,883
Public debt—for payment of principal	331,787,444
Total	$614,938,832
The balances in the Treasury on 1st April, 1864, was	$308,282,722
The amount received since is	415,191,550
Total	$723,474,272
Deduct amount of expenditures	614,938,832
The balance in the Treasury is	$108,435,439

This balance is made up as follows:

Treasury notes (new issue) and specie	$22,053,200
Treasury notes (old issue) to be canceled	86,382,239
Total	$108,435,439

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The public debt on the 1st of October, 1864, was as follows:

Funded Debt.

Total issue of bonds and stocks	$363,416,150
Total issue of call certificates	197,578,370
Total issue of certificates of indebtedness	19,010,000
Total issue of produce certificates, act April 21, 1862	$,500,000
Amount of 7-30 interest notes, which have assumed the character of permanent bonds	99,954,900
Total	$683,459,420
Reduced by amount redeemed, to wit: Act May 16, 1861, principal	$297,6000
Act Aug. 19, 1861, principal	1,267,700
Call certificates, act Dec. 24, 1861, six per cent	70,729,030
Call certificates, act March 23, 1863, five per cent	70,000,000
Call certificates, act March 23, 1863, four per cent	1,825,000—144,119,330
Total	$539,340,090

Unfunded Debt.

Amount 3.63 interest notes outstanding	$516,050
Total Issue of Treasury Notes—old issue	$973,281,863
Reduced by amount, called in for cancellation	649,047,945—324,209,818
Total issue Treasury Notes, new issue	283,830,150
Total	$1,147,970,208

ESTIMATES.

The estimates submitted by the various departments for the support of the Government for the six months from 1st January to 1st July, 1865, are as follows:

Legislative	$375 000
Executive Office	47,845
Treasury Department	4,628 350
War Department	402,912,206
Navy Department	14,005,134
Post-office Department	294,949
State Department	63,355
Department of Justice	745 074
Miscellaneous	15,000,000
Aggregate	$437,039,315

The expenditure of the current quarter, it is assumed, will be met from the following resources, viz.:

Treasury notes—amount unexpended of the proportion applicable to the payment of expenditures	$80,000,000
Taxes—amount to be received for the last quarter of 1864, estimated at	35,000,000
Bonds, certificates of indebtedness, and loans on hypothecation of bonds	47,000,000
Total	$162,000,000

The certificates of indebtedness, provided by the act of 17th February, 1864, did not prove as favorite an investment as was anticipated, and the amount of these securities taken in payment by public creditors up to 1st October is $2,000,000 only. From the sale of bonds and loans on hypothecation of bonds, about $45,000,000 was raised, and on the new issue of Treasury notes, $281,000,000.

The large and rapid issue of Treasury notes is the more to be regretted from the failure of the measures relied upon to sustain their value and reduce expenditures. The new notes are received by the public at a value scarcely any higher than the old, and, as a consequence, the expenses have not declined.

TAXATION AND FUNDING OF OLD ISSUES.

The following statement shows the result of the taxation and funding of the old issues:

Funded Debt, Oct. 1		$539,340,090
Bonds, four per cent., to be issued for the old currency, funded, viz.:		
East of the Mississippi	$250,000,000	
West of the Mississippi	30,000,000—280,000,000	
Total		$819,340,090
Deduct amount of four per cent. bonds, receivable in payment of taxes		81,000,000
Total of funded debt		$738,340,090
Unfunded debt:		
Treasury Notes outstanding	$324,233,913	
Deduct amount funded in Trans-Mississippi Department	30,000,000	
Total	$294,233 918	
Deduct tax 33⅓ per cent	98,077,973—196,155,945	
Treasury notes, under act 17th February, 1864		283,380,150
Total		$1,218,376,185

This sum is liable to a further reduction for the following items of debt included in the Register's account, but still in the Treasury, viz.:

Treasury Notes (new issue)	$22,053,200	
Bonds, 6 ₩ cent., $500,000,000 Loan	27,564,150	
Bonds, 8 ₩ cent., $100,000,000 Loan	3,000,000	
Certificates of Indebtedness	17,270 900	
Call Certificates, 4 ₩ cent	22,106,840—$91,995,090	
Total		$1,126,381,095

A table of the public debt on the 1st of April, 1864, prepared on the same principle, snows it to have been as follows:

Funded debt	$523,530,670
Bonds, 4 per cent. for currency, funded	280,000,000
Total funded debt, April 1	$803,530,670

UNFUNDED DEBT.

Treasury Notes, amount outstanding by the Register's accounts	$505,792,103	
Deduct amount funded in Trans-Mississippi Department	30.000.000	
Total	$475.792.103	
Deduct tax of 33⅓ per cent	158,597,368—	317,194,735
Total debt April 1, 1864		$1,120,725,405

Which compared with the sum of debt similarly ascertained on 1st October, $1,218,376 185, shows an augmentation of $97,650,780 in the six months from 1st April to 1st October, 1864.

The Secretary says the foreign debt, consisting of a single item is omitted; the whole amount being £2,200,000, is adequately provided for by the cotton owned by the Government, even at six pence per pound, the quantity being about 250,000 bales.

THE CURRENCY DIFFICULTIES.

Sec. TRENHOLM has the following admissions and recommendations respecting the currency:

The currency demands the immediate and the gravest consideration of Congress. Unless a uniform and stable value can be given to the Treasury notes, the efforts to carry on the war through their instrumentality must of necessity be abandoned. Acquiescence in its deplorable depreciation is to court the ruin to which it leads. One hundred and thirty-five dollars in currency, the price obtained for one hundred dollars in six per cent. bonds, is equal to six dollars only in specie; and to sell the bonds at this rate is in reality to dispose of them at ninety-four per cent. discount; or in other words, to give a bond of one hundred dollars in consideration of the loan of six dollars.

There is not a man of property in the country who would not prefer any fair measure of taxation rather than procure a temporary and treacherous prosperity by the sale of mortgages on his estate at this ruinous rate.

The depreciation of the currency proceeding from redundancy, and the want of confidence in its ultimate redemption, can only be corrected by measures that shall both diminish its volume and sustain the public confidence. By the 1st day of August, $170,000,000 of the new notes had already been issued, and less than $10,000,000 sufficed for the payment of the taxes collected at that date. Depreciation commenced at once, and proceeded at so rapid a rate that by the 1st day of October gold was selling at $25 for $1.

The time seems to have arrived when Congress should take measures to restore and sustain the currency, or make provision for its honorable redemption, and resort to specie and bank notes. The adoption of the last alternative, it is feared, would produce great embarrassments in the community, and the impossibility of obtaining an adequate supply of specie and bank notes for the wants of the Government would create the necessity for a system of universal impressments, followed by incalculable suffering and distress.

The return to specie payments being for the present impracticable, the inquiry is whether it is possible to restore and maintain the value of the Treasury notes as a currency. The accomplishment of this end is of such vast importance that it is, of all others, that to which the resources of the country should be devoted and applied. Were it possible to anticipate the productions of future years of peace, and convert them into money for immediate use, the expediency of resorting to such a measure could not be doubted. May not a near approach to it be made by devoting a portion of those future productions to the purpose of imparting to the Treasury notes a high and stable value? I submit that this may be done, and respectfully propose a plan for its accomplishment.

It is an act pledging the faith of the Government against the issue of Treasury notes beyond the amount authorized by the act of 17th February, 1864; exempting the notes from taxation, providing for the application of twenty per cent. of the taxes annually to the reduction of that amount until peace be declared or the outstanding sum to be reduced to $150,000,000; continuing the tax in kind after the war, and appropriating an ascertained proportion thereof annually to the redemption or payment of the circulation, until the whole shall be retired.

I propose that the redemption shall be made from the tithes of cotton, wheat and corn, at prices fixed by the act—namely, cotton at fifty cents per pound, wheat at four dollars per bushel, and corn at two dollars per bushel; that the notes be received after the war from all persons liable to tax in kind, in commutation of their tithes; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to issue certificates in exchange for Treasury notes bearing six per cent. interest, secured and redeemable in the same manner and on the same terms as the notes themselves, free from taxation, and receivable after the war in payment of the tax in kind; and that all notes received into the Treasury for these certificates be canceled.

The following is an estimate of the resources to be thus supplied, viz: Wheat, twenty-five millions bushels; Indian Corn, two hundred million bushels; and Cotton, two million bales. A tax of ten per cent. would yield as follows:

Wheat, two million five hundred thousand bushels, at four dollars	$10,000,000
Indian Corn, twenty million bushels, at two dollars	40,000,000
Cotton, two hundred thousand bales, at two hundred dollars per bale

SHERIDAN'S CAMPAIGN.

The following comprehensive letter upon Gen. SHERIDAN'S great campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, will be read with great interest at this time:

CEDAR CREEK, NEAR STRASBURGH, Thursday, Oct. 20, 1864.

Before daylight Oct. 19, Gen. JUBAL EARLY (true to his name) made a flanking attack, massing his army on the left and rear of the army of Gen. SHERIDAN, commanded by Gen. WRIGHT in his absence.

CROOK'S command (sometimes called Eighth Corps) of two divisions were on the left of the pike. The Nineteenth, Sixth and Cavalry Corps were to the right, in the order named, on Cedar Creek, fronting Fisher's Hill, distant about six or seven miles therefrom.

CROOK had his First Division semicircled in earthworks, in front of the Second, advanced generally beyond the lines of the Nineteenth Army Corps, so that the three brigades of his Second Division, in column by brigade, as reserve, were on a line with GROVER'S division (the left of the Nineteenth Army Corps.)

From the head of the Luray Valley there is a road running obliquely into the pike, just behind these brigades of the Second Division of CROOK, which were in the angle formed by this road and the pike, the right of each resting upon the pike. It was upon this road that the forces of EARLY passed to the left and rear of CROOK'S command, by fording the Shenandoah River during the night.

It has been said EARLY'S force left Fisher's Hill at midnight, and marched along the base of the mountain, over rugged paths, maintaining utmost secrecy, marching even without canteens, and shivering with cold, for fear of attracting attention by fires; and thus they got between our cavalry vedettes, (if any were on the Luray road,) and close to the infantry pickets of CROOK'S forces, unperceived.

At any rate, the attack was simultaneous at several points and a perfect surprise. In addition to unusual secrecy (which marked the movement,) a dense fog prevailed, which enabled the enemy to march close to our pickets before firing. It seems incredible, but doubtless their line of battle was formed within actual striking distance, whilst our men unsuspectingly slumbered and slept.

The audacity of this movement (as the sequel shows) was dearly paid for in the afternoon. But in the morning, until between 8 and 9 A. M., it seemed, and was, a grand rebel achievement.

And we imagine there was general incredulity, *that such a feat was possible*, on the part of commanders of corps, as firing lasted for nearly an hour before any adequate preparation was in progress to meet the enemy.

The Shenandoah Valley is certainly famous for one feature; that, the splendidly-paved road, commonly called pike. It is paved throughout its entire length, and military movements depend upon its possession.

Upon the crests of the heights of Cedar Creek, fronting Strasburgh, to the right of the paved road, behind earthworks, were the two divisions of the Nineteenth Army Corps, disposed somewhat in two lines—Second Division, of four brigades, left; and First Division, of two brigades, right. They covered a front of about one mile.

Upon the right of the Nineteenth Army Corps, bent to the rear, so as to form a crescent, were placed the three divisions of the Sixth Corps—RICKETTS', GETTY'S and WHEATON'S. Next the Cavalry Corps, and, as usual, in powerful and splendid condition. Their line must have bent so far to the rear as to be two or three miles back from the earthworks of the Nineteenth Corps, and nearly parallel to the paved road. Middletown, a small village upon the pike, was about two miles from the centre corps, (the Nineteenth,) and the cavalry on the right, and, in some measure, the military centre.

The country over which passes the pike is elevated and commanding.

The preparatory moves of Gen. EARLY, to his grand, audacious conception for attack on the 19th inst., may be said to have commenced on the 13th inst. At that time our cavalry were at Luray, at the head of the valley, several miles to our left and front.

The Sixth Corps were in Ashby's Gap, on their way to Petersburgh, via Alexandria.

The rebels from Fisher's Hill reconnoitered our position on the 13th with great vigor. Their campfires for several days were plainly discernible.

A brigade of CROOK'S command was supporting the infantry picket line about one mile out on the pike. They were driven and badly used, Col WELLS, Thirty-fourth Massachusetts, commanding, being killed.

From this point the rebels passed along our front to the extreme right, firing vigorously. To meet them, the cavalry from Luray were recalled and posted to the right of the Nineteenth Corps. The next day the Sixth Corps returned, having been also recalled, and were posted between the cavalry and Nineteenth, as before stated.

It would be unprofitable to speculate what would have been the consequences, if the rebels had not made this reconnoissance.

It is probable that the Sixth Corps would have been beyond reach, and the cavalry undisturbed watching at the head of the Luray Valley.

But the rebels undoubtedly would have pounced upon our right, though it is fair to presume the departure of SHERIDAN (in the event of the departure of the Sixth) would have been delayed until his army could be placed in a position safe from flanking operations of the enemy.

After the men and officers of the Nineteenth Corps recovered from temporary paralization, by the surprise of the morning of the 19th inst., it was generally believed that LONGSTREET, with a new and powerful force, was at hand. This delusion was the cause of much demoralization, and was not dispelled until the subsequent events of the battle proved that we were simply fighting our old beaten enemy of Winchester, reinforced with KERSHAW'S division, not before engaged in battle since Gen. SHERIDAN inaugurated the valley campaign. In all, four divisions of rebel infantry, newly equipped undoubtedly, with their cavalry also, perhaps slightly reinforced and reorganized. The rebels were undoubtedly newly supplied with artillery and munitions of war.

In the Richmond *Whig*, Oct. 13, we find the following pertinent statement, headed:

THE SITUATION IN THE VALLEY.

Edenburgh, the point at which our telegram of yesterday evening says we suffered a reverse, (alluding, doubtless, to the cavalry fight of Sunday, 9th inst.,) is five miles south of Woodstock and a little over seven north of New-Market, in Shenandoah County.

We saw yesterday a letter from a prominent officer to a citizen of the Valley now sojourning in Richmond, which says "Gen. EARLY'S army is now thoroughly organized and ready for another advance."

In our opinion this has reference to this attack of the 19th instant, then doubtless in preparation.

The position of SHERIDAN'S army at Cedar Creek was impregnable from an attack direct in front, but it could be flanked, either side, and the sequel shows that Gen. EARLY feinted first upon our extreme right on the 13th instant, and then on the 19th marched his infantry by rugged mountain paths, fording the north branch of the Shenandoah, until he had them massed before daylight and under a dense fog, close to our pickets, at our extreme left, and to the rear (as before stated) of the forces of CROOK'S command.

This corps, a small one of two divisions, somewhat reinforced of late, being totally surprised, fled without making a fight. At least a careful examination of their ground on the morning of the 20th, showed but very few dead rebels or Federals. The rebel cavalry before daylight were in Middletown, two miles to our rear, on the paved road, and were driving out the regiment then on provost duty.

After this explanation of the general situation, (at dawn on the 19th instant,) it is unnecessary to state that only those forces of the Sixth Corps and cavalry which, since the 13th, had been in position, way to our right, could be depended upon to save the battle, as they alone had sufficient time to form into line, change front to rear, and square themselves before the rebels for the fight. These forces were in line of battle by 8 A. M., the Sixth Corps' left reaching the pike or great paved road—the cavalry to its left reaching from the pike to the Shenandoah River, about one mile. Thus the cavalry forces formed the left wing, and the Sixth Corps the right, and between 8 and 9 o'clock A. M. were making desperate resistance to the exultant rebels.

More than three hours had elapsed. Exactly what had been done by the forces of the Eighth and Nineteenth Corps, will perhaps never be fully known. Certain brigades of GROVER'S division were early preparing to reconnoitre toward Middletown, where the rebels already were. It is probable that a rebel force had been left in front of Cedar Creek, to advance up the paved road, over our works there, as soon as the firing indicated we were flanked and driven out of them.

Thus from front, flank and rear, fire came pouring into the ranks of our astonished men of the Nineteenth Army Corps. Facing about to repulse an attack from the rear, they were fired upon from their old front behind their backs. A general skedaddle was the inevitable consequence. But the pluck of the men and our Generals was never more conspicuous than in the very midst of these awful difficulties.

A brigade of the First Division, and certain regiments of the Second, under Gens. GROVER and MCMILLAN, made a desperate resistance against tremendous odds upon their camp grounds.

The gallant One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Thirty-first New-York, Thirtieth Massachusetts and Third Massachusetts, and Nineteen New-York, fought in the fog and misty daylight as though determined to die to a man rather than yield an inch. But it availed not. Before 8 A. M., or before the Sixth Corps were fairly in position, a general stampede from a portion of GROVER'S Division—precipitated by the panic-stricken men of CROOK'S command—bore away the remains of the Nineteenth then fighting. The enemy's deadly fire from three sides, swept with resistless power, and every vestige of the Eighth and Nineteenth Army Corps, except the dead and wounded, disappeared to the rear. With them, went portions of the Third Division, Sixth Corps. The battle thence until 9 or 10 A. M., was bravely borne by the divisions of GETTY'S, WHEATON'S First, and RICKETT'S Third, Sixth Corps. But after awhile, contrary to our hopes and expectations, they began to fall back—though in good order. The necessity for this is not understood, and cannot be criticised. Prodigious efforts were all the morn being made by gallant officers and men of the Nineteenth Army Corps to rally and bring the corps into action. All believed the Sixth and the cavalry could hold the enemy in check. Subsequent events proved that with the enemy squarely in front, they had not fight enough in EARLY'S whole army to drive us an inch—but on the contrary, our men of the Sixth alone could drive the rebels. Counting out, therefore, the Eighth and Nineteenth Army Corps, the fortunes of the day, after the surprise—from 9 o'clock A. M., were never doubtful. But we continued to retreat nevertheless, fighting at every step, with artillery and musketry, until we were some two miles in rear of Middletown, or four or five from our old camping ground. A lull of an hour or two then occurred. The rebels were probably somewhat exhausted, and perhaps disappointed, at such prolonged and obstinate fighting. But about this time, toward mid-day, a reinforcement arrived but little comprehended by Federals or rebels. It was SHERIDAN himself, who then took charge, and personally was engaged in bringing order out of chaos. He infused, by his genius and daring, an entirely new order of things, not laid down in the rebel programme of Gen. EARLY.

Probably we had lost eighteen or twenty pieces of artillery, provision wagons, some two thousand prisoners, and other materials of war, and four or five miles of ground.

Our line now crossed the pike nearly at right angles, the Sixth and Nineteenth Corps to the right, the cavalry to its left, with the left near the river, and in their rear the forces of CROOK'S command in reserve.

The entire front was less than three miles and a half. About one mile was covered by the cavalry, one and a half miles by the Sixth, and a mile or less by the Nineteenth Army Corps. The Nineteenth had rallied at least two-thirds its men, principally owing to the indomitable energy of EMORY and GROVER, and the pluck of regimental officers as well as of the men.

GROVER'S division was still on the left, joining WHEATON'S First Division, Sixth, with GETTY'S Second in advance. DWIGHT was in command of the First Division, Nineteenth, as heretofore, upon the extreme right. Brig.-Gen. JAMES FESSENDEN, just arrived, was (though without command) engaged in christening his new rank and uniform.

Gen. SHERIDAN, as before remarked, had taken charge in person some time before noon, and had infused a new spirit. The men understood that there was to be no further retrograding that day.

Carrying a small riding-whip, (a fashion with many of our brave officers, especially those of the staff,) mounted splendidly upon a powerful black horse, whose handsome proportions and appearance put one in mind of the famous black steeds of the age of chivalry, Gen. SHERIDAN is said to have rode along the pike from Winchester at full gallop, calling upon the stragglers to follow him.

"Follow me, men. *You have whipped them once, and can do it again.*" And, as if speaking to some particular one: "*I promise you, you shall sleep in your old camps to-night, boys.*"

This last remark was more generally circulated than any other, and constantly repeated until the prediction was fulfilled. Rumors have it that less complimentary ones were made to officers high in rank. To one who said, "General, we are whipped," he replied, it is said: "*You may be, but we are not.*"

Among other things which indicated the presence of a master was the disposition of some thirty pieces of artillery in position and upon a line that would have insured, inevitably, the destruction of all of the rebel army that ever should get within reach. "At about 2 P. M. the enemy had essayed another general attack as though to resume the morning's proceedings; but matters were quite differently conditioned than at daybreak. The men felt that SHERIDAN was on hand, and they knew that he was *game*. Yankee pluck is likewise, whenever decently generalled.

A crash of musketry that rolled along the fronts of the Sixth and Nineteenth Corps opened the ball and thundered the new state of affairs officially into the hearts of the Johnnies, and they slunk back dismayed. Having driven us five miles, and been conquerors for six or seven hours, perhaps they felt at once their doom in that opened for the afternoon's fight. At any rate a quiet spell ensued in a few minutes which lasted till near 4 P. M.

The first lesson of the afternoon administered was a bad repulse, decidedly easy of infliction. No one doubted of a general advance, but much speculation was had on all hands as to the precise time of its commencement.

The precise orders issued by Gen SHERIDAN are not known, but those who saw him at about 4 P. M. snapping his whip and quietly walk his horse toward the pike from the rear of the Sixth, knew the thing was settled and the victory decided.

The crash of musketry from a hundred regiments again filled the air, and in a minute it is perceived there is a steady advance, under cover of woods, everywhere. The signal for soldiers to forward was, as usual, the signal of departure to the rear of stragglers, not, however, from the woods where lines of the Sixth and Nineteenth were at deadly work. These fellows were like specks in the rear, and a good distance out of reach of officers.

The first crushing sounds of musketry from lines of battle three miles long soon settle into the regulated steady firing, which indicated that our soldiers were keeping step to its music. The reverberations became more and more distant—"still onward the steady tramp of battalions and corps."

The ammunition wagons, the artillery in reserve, move forward to keep up with the front. The cheering of men showed they were warming into their work. Magnificent and impetuous charges, from time to time, at different points of the advancing line, are made by regiments unable to restrain their zeal, though generally all advanced abreast and together.

Nearly one hour thus elapsed, and two miles or more of ground had been fought over and reconquered, when the rebels somewhat rallied, and commenced holding us with more firmness at a point near Middletown, and for a half hour or less, further progress was stayed. There was no cessation of fighting. If anything, it increased in intensity as men gathered upon the front.

It was one of those positions where direct attack must give precedence to flank.

Our cavalry on the left made three magnificent charges, but the task was beyond their unaided ability to accomplish. They retired from each charge in good order, suffering severely. Col. LOWELL, of Second Massachusetts fame, fell in one of these charges. Artillery of the Sixth drew near, and thundered upon the stronghold of the rebels. But to the right of the Sixth, on our line, a flanking operation by the Nineteenth Corps, under Gen. EMORY (the greatest of soldiers,) was in progress, and finally a new crash of musketry roared above the ponderous discharges of the Sixth, away upon the rebel left, and told the story. It started the rebels from their last desperate stand, and simultaneously the advance sounded from all points of our line. Artillery limber up to follow charging infantry men. Thence issued a scene which beggars description.

It was the eager pursuit of Federals, and panic of the Rebels. Men that had retreated in the morn, felt the moment approaching which was to verify Gen. SHERIDAN'S prediction "that we should sleep on our old camp ground to-night." Gen. EMORY'S famous gray horse Punch, (steady as the old chief he had carried so many years,) received his quietus at the front. Gen. GROVER, who would fight single-handed rather than give up, was wounded; Gen. BIRGE, on a mule, and Gens. MCMILLAN, DWIGHT, and hosts of Colonels, called upon their men to follow, and to forward, regardless of right or centre dress, and the color bearers of fifty regiments, with their colors in advance, led the exciting chase, until in fact they were planted, at dark in their old camps—from which in the morning they had so hastily retreated.

Wounded men left to the tender mercies of the rebels, and who had fainted by the wayside during the dark hours of day, lighted up pallid countenances with smiles and tears of joy as we swept by, and waved their hats in welcome with feeble hands. It was an ovation to stir the heart of every soldier.

At dark our old ground was occupied. But the genius of SHERIDAN looked for greater results—for *cannon, prisoners and wagons*, as the trophies of victory. From Cedar Creek to Fisher's Hill (a distance of six or seven miles) the cavalry entered anew upon the chase, flashing out their sabres upon the scene, to the enemy's certain destruction.

In this small space was crowded their artillery, wagons and panic-stricken men. Fifty pieces of cannon, two thousand prisoners, many stands of colors, wagons, &c., fell to us an easy prize.

The Nineteenth Corps occupied Strasburgh the succeeding day and night. Our cavalry occupied Fisher's Hill. The rebels were at Woodstock, fourteen miles off, said by one of their Surgeons (sent back to assist their wounded) still going. It is not too much to believe they are at last entirely gone from any more fighting with Major-Gen. SHERIDAN.

FROM CHICAGO.

The Election—Gratifying Result in the State—The Great Conspiracy.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1864.

The election is over, and we are devoutly thankful to the Great Disposer of events for the result.

Chicago has repudiated the convention which cast a stigma upon her fair name by being connected with it. In view of your 36,000 majority for its candidate, we shall hereafter insist that the Democratic platform be called the "New-York platform."

Illinois has gone about as I predicted. The northern part of the State has piled "Pelion upon Ossa" in the shape of majorities, while the centre, and even the south, have done well. The defeat of JOSH. ALLEN in the Thirteenth or Lower Egypt District is a most significant fact. At present writing we claim a gain of four in the Seventh, Eighth and Fifteenth Districts and the Congressman at large. It is not settled yet whether we have carried the Quincy District or not. We have the Legislature without doubt, which secures a United States Senator in RICHARDSON'S place.

Coupled with the fact that our soldiers do not vote, except those at home, we regard the result as a most triumphant victory—worthy of the Empire State of the Northwest.

THE REBEL RAID.

The telegraph has informed you of the great excitement into which our city was thrown on Monday, by the action of the police and military during the night in making some fifty or sixty arrests of parties supposed to be engaged in a conspiracy to release the rebel prisoners at Camp Douglas, and to sack and burn the city.

For several nights previous it had been observed that large numbers of butternut-looking individual were arriving on the trains from the South, and suspicions were aroused as to the object of their coming here. This led to an espionage being placed upon some of our local traitors, and finally to their arrest on Sunday night.

Judge BUCKNER S. MORRIS, one of the citizens arrested, is a cousin and brother-in-law of the rebe Gen. BUCKNER, a Kentuckian, and one who has been notorious for his disloyalty, and the outspoken disloyalty of his wife, ever since the war broke out. Of course, he was suspected of being in communication with the rebels arriving here, and was attended to accordingly. Evidence of his guilt was obtained in various ways, and about 3 o'clock A. M. Monday, he was waited upon by the Provost Guard, and escorted from his bed to headquarters. It has been ascertained that there were from fifteen to twenty young ladies from secesh families in the city, at his house all day Sunday, making up cartridges.

CHARLES WALSH, another of the arrested, is a leading Democrat, and was a candidate for Sheriff at the last election. At his house were found 300 double-barreled guns, loaded, 500 navy revolvers, also loaded, two boxes single guns and a lot of villainous-looking knives. His residence is near the camp, and afforded a convenient point from which to distribute arms, should the prisoners succeed in getting out. "Two cartloads" of arms were found in another house.

Col. VINCENT MARMADUKE, who is among the captured, was dogged all the way from Cincinnati by a detective and traced to the house of Dr. EDWARDS, a Kentucky refugee and a notorious rebel sympathizer. As he went directly there on his arrival, it shows that there was a full understanding between our local and foreign traitors.

There have been several confessions made in regard to the intent and purposes of these visitors. The largest portion of them are poor, ignorant "white trash" from some of the worst Egyptian counties in this State. They say they came here to help carry the election, and were furnished with arms. If they were interfered with, they were to have a fight. They belonged to the Sons of Liberty, and came on by order of WALSH, who is the Brigadier-General of the Order for this State. Some came from Missouri. These were to assist in liberating the prisoners, and its "consequences."

The number of arrests reaches about two hundred and fifty. Most of them are a villainous looking crew—off of the same piece with the rebel prisoners from the Southwest. MARMADUKE, according to the programme, was to command the whole, after the prisoners from Camp Douglas should be liberated.

Monday night our city was in a "state of siege." The provost-guard and other military were on duty. The citizens promptly organized a mounted patrol, and several hundred horsemen promenaded the streets all night, armed, among other weapons, with the already loaded revolvers taken from WALSH'S. Companies of infantry were also formed, and were ready for any emergency at a moment's warning.

This was the state of things in Chicago on the eve of election. Intense excitement prevailed among all classes, yet it was quiet, and without demonstration, except the thronging of the streets. The development of the rebel plot, to lay waste our homes and make the "streets of Chicago run with blood," as threatened by the *Times*, aroused the indignation of the Union men, and there was a calm determination to see the thing through. Arrests continued. Tuesday morning came. The Democrats were cowed and frightened at the development of this plot, and the attitude of the Union men. They, therefore, put themselves upon their good behavior, and Tuesday was the quietest week day Chicago has seen in six months. Business was nearly suspended, and stores, manufactories, shops and public offices closed. The saloons were closed by order of the Mayor, and I have not heard of a single act of disturbance during the day.

Gen. HOOKER is here. He arrived on Monday evening, and wherever he appeared he was greeted with most enthusiastic cheers. An examination of the prisoners is going forward to day; but nothing has yet been made public. Public sentiment is in favor of the sternest measures being adopted toward these home traitors. Their treasonable practices have been tolerated too long already, and now that they have leagued with incendiaries and assassins, it is to be hoped that the sternest justice of military law will be meted out to them.

FROM NEW-MEXICO.

War With the Indians—How They Are to be Met—Rumors About Juarez.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

NEW-MEXICO, October, 1864.

Wars and rumors of wars are still the stories of the Plains. The Indians of every tribe have taken up arms against the United States, some through fear of other and larger bands, some because of the natural instinct of treachery, robbery and murder for which they are so noted, others because of money and rich reward promised by agents from the rebel States. In fact, there are several bands which are known to be led by white men, and with the skill and wickedness of the white leaders, added to their own knowledge of the plains, make the war one of great danger.

If there are water holes, mountain trails, lurking places, the Indian is there when mischief can be done, and their system of espionage is so complete that any band of white men can scarce hope to catch them. Then, again, when parties go out in search for these red-skins, the guides, generally Mexicans, often mislead through treachery and with the same result, no capture—often not even a sight of them. Our country is so large, traveling over sandy roads and mountain paths is both slow and tedious.

In many places there is no water for a hundred miles, and the water and provisions necessary for troops must be transported. Many of the expeditions sent out, even under the command of the best men, whose abilities none can question, fail for these reasons.

And again, while the Indians in larger bands are prowling along our great routes and among the neighboring mountains, smaller bands come down to within a few miles of our villages and steel large numbers of cattle.

The other evening a band came down to a ranch two miles from Las Cruces, killing one of two herders and running off one hundred and fifty head of cattle. Of course a command was sent in pursuit, but with no punishment, as the fellows had three hours the start, though the chase lasted forty miles to Dog cañon.

In Denver, Cal., Santa Fé, New-Mexico, and El Paso, Mexico, merchants are putting up the prices of goods, knowing that the chance of importation for some time to come is very slight.

Trains cannot come across the plains from the States without the greatest risk, and it is as much as our military authorities can do with the small command at their disposal to keep the line of communication open.

By the latest dates from Denver I see that the "great overland mail" for the Missouri and the States has left by way of Salt Lake, Carson Valley and San Francisco, thereby acknowledging the inexpediency of traversing the plains on account of the Indians.

No more "prairie schooners" (as we term our wagons) are to be seen filing order through our mud-wall towns, laden with Eastern freight that we had ordered and really seed. What we shall do this coming season for shoes and stockings, coats and dresses, is a question remaining to be solved.

In Mexico, our neighbor State, the latest news is by way of Chihuahua, that JUAREZ is retreating to that place, followed by the French, with a force said to number a thousand men. JUAREZ is a man held in high regard by all Mexican gentlemen whom I have met, and they attribute his retreat rather to the general disaffection among the people than to either his want of ability or integrity. It is possibly only speculative, but the fact that the Mexican General will winter in El Paso, seems to be conceded. Then, if badly pushed by the French, there is no knowing whether he may not cross the Rio Grande and seek protection under the Stars and Stripes. Then, "Johnny Crapeau" must look out, for if he puts his foot into this country to capture the Mexican army, questions will arise that will be sure to attract the attention of the American people. Let the great rebellion be by that time subdued effectually, and a *casus belli may* be established, and the Mexican Government be relieved from the incubus of a French Emperor and a church despotism. Who does not wish to see our neighbor—sick though he be—restored to health and prosperity, and living under the flag of freeeom.

FROM NEVADA.

Political Affairs—The Mines.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

VIRGINIA, STATE OF NEVADA, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1864.

Nevada, more generally known as "Washoe" in the Eastern States, has cast off the swaddling clothes of her Territorial existence, and adopted a State Constitution—an instrument breathing in every line eternal fidelity to the cause of the Union and maintenance of the Government. To this end she pledges the wealth of her silver-ribbed mountains, and, if necessary, the last man. Her donations to the Sanitary fund, for a population not exceeding 15,000, speak in stronger language of her loyalty than anything I could say.

Like the Eastern States, we have our full quota of copperheads. During the past season the plains have vomited forth many of these reptiles. Missouri has probably supplied more of this element than any State in the Union, consisting of rebel deserters and flee-the-draft individuals. However, we have a Union majority of from 2,500 to 3,000, and by united action are determined that Nevada, upon her entrance into the Union, shall never have her silver star dimmed by the foul breath of Treason.

The Copperheads have gone through the form of nominating State and County tickets, but there it will end. The Union men have perfected club organizations in every precinct and ward in the State.

In Storey County, the principal place in the Territory, where the Copperheads recently elected the county ticket, owing to dissensions in the Union ranks, and through ballot-box stuffing and "colonization," out of 5,000 votes cast, allowing for this contingency, the Union men have now enrolled on the books of their Union Clubs, 3,500 legal voters.

The Union State Convention met at the capital, (Carson city,) a day or two since, and placed in nomination a good State ticket, composed of the best material in the State. The first General Election takes place on the 8th day of November. Nevada will have a representation of the Senators and one Congressman in the next Congress, and through them eastern people can gather some idea of the great material wealth, bring a large amount of capital for the development of the hidden treasures.

To go into a detailed account of the discovery and development of the silver mines of this region would require more space and time than you and I have to spare; therefore, I will review the subject hastily. The principal mining districts of the Territory are the Virginia, Gold Hill, Humboldt and Reese River. In the first named district is located the celebrated Comstock Lode. This is among the richest developments in the Territory. The vein is between forty and fifty feet in width, and has been opened for about one mile in length. Its course, like all mineral veins, is north and south, or thereabouts. The Comstock runs northeast by southwest. Millions of dollars are annually taken from it, and as yet it shows no signs of failing. The Gould and Curry, Ophir, Chollar, Hale and Norcrof, Savage, Best and Belcher, Sides, Fairview, and several other companies, are at work upon this lode. The Gould and Curry Company have an eighty-stamp mill of their own, erected at a cost of about $800,000. The various departments of this company give employment to about 1,000 men. The Gold Hill District, which adjoins the Virginia, is no less rich. Claims in this district have sold as high as $16,000 per foot, and some could not be purchased at that rate. The Reese River District is situated on the Eastern border of the Territory, and contains many mines of almost fabulous richness. The great want of this section is mills for the reduction of ore. Of all the districts in the Territory, the Humboldt, probably contains the widest and most extensive belt of mineral. Capital and energy are the only requisites to effect rich developments in this quarter. Aside from the districts named there are several others of a promising character, and new ones are constantly being discovered and laid off, in accordance with the rules adopted by the miners of the respective districts.

Altogether Nevada offers a field for investment second to none in the country, and it will be but a matter of time for eastern capitalists to disdover this fact.

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NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The Monitor Manhattan.

As it is now generally conceded that the 15-inch shot of the monitor *Manhattan* was the one which did serious injury to the rebel ram *Tennessee*, the course pursued by her in the engagement of Mobile Bay, is a matter of public interest. Prior to the attack upon the Mobile Bay forts, the monitor *Manhattan* arrived off the Bay, and shortly after steamed inside and anchored between Sand Island and Fort Gaines, in a position under fire from Forts Morgan and Gaines, and where no wooden vessel, during the three years of blockade had ever been placed; she was also in such a position that the rebel ram *Tennessee* could have attacked her at any time with impunity from any interference on the part of the wooden vessels, as they were all, with the exception of one gunboat outside of the outer bar of the Bay.

After a few days in this anchorage, the *Manhattan* was joined by two more iron-clads from the Mississippi fleet, the *Chickasaw* and the *Winnebago*. Late on the 4th of August, the night previous to the engagement, the monitor *Tecumseh* arrived—a vessel like in all respects to the *Manhattan*. To these iron-clads was assigned the post of honor, entering the bay, and going by the forts, between the wooden ships and Fort Morgan. The *Tecumseh* was struck by a torpedo, just abreast of the light-house, but the others went by safely. The *Manhattan*, keeping steadily on her course, was the first to emerge from the smoke in which our fleet was enveloped. She steamed directly for the rebel fleet, which had opened a raking fire. From the first, BUCHANAN had evinced a dread of the *Manhattan*, and had endeavored to avoid her, for he had not been long in discovering that she carried the only 15-inch guns in the fleet; and, while returning with great rapidity the terrific fire of our wooden ships, and doing terrible execution on them, he manœuvred to expose only his most invulnerable sides to the monitor, the shot from the wooden vessels glancing from the ram as hail from a roof. As she made a dash at one of them, the little *Manhattan* steered to intercept her and offer battle; she declined by superior speed, but as she passed by, a 15-inch solid shot went thundering from the monitor toward her. This shot, the only one that pierced her armor and did any damage, apparently broke to pieces, although on board of the ram the prisoners say that it went through her and out at the opposite port, which was opened at that time. She had two killed and a few wounded. One of the killed was leaning against the casement when the 15-inch shot struck. He was torn to pieces. The other, at the steam-port at the explosion of the shell, was literally blown to atoms. By this time the vessels were all standing up the bay. After some further conflict with them, the ram started for the fort, all the iron-clads in chase, the *Ossipee* also coming down to butt her. The *Manhattan* and *Chickasaw* were both astern of her, firing away. The former was within twenty yards, with both guns run out, the latter rather further off, more on the starboard quarter, and the *Ossipee* the same distance on her port beam, when the white flag was hoisted. Her flag was given to the *Manhattan* and sent thence to Admiral FARRAGUT. The *Manhattan* did not lose a man, and was as staunch at the end of the engagement as at the commencement, although she was struck eleven times. A steel-headed shot went two and a quarter inches into the turret. This was the severest blow she received.

The *Army and Navy Journal* of Sept. 10 says: "All the accounts of the capture of the *Tennessee* agree in the statement that the only shot which penetrated the armor of the iron-clad was the fifteen-inch one fired from a monitor (the *Manhattan*.) The officers who surveyed the *Tennessee* say in their official report: On that side, nearly amidships of the casemate, and between the two broadside guns, a fifteen-inch solid shot knocked a hole through the armor and backing, leaving on the inside an undetached mass of oak and pine splinters, about three by four feet, and projecting inside of the casemate about two from the side. This is the only shot that penetrated the wooden backing of the casemate, although there are numerous pieces on the inside giving evidence of the shot." The *Manhattan* bombarded Fort Powell, at intervals, for twelve days, firing one hundred shells into it. The rebel General is said to have observed, the day of the surrender, that the explosion of the *Manhattan's* fifteen-inch guns was perfectly terrific. The fort was pretty well torn to pieces by them. Commander J. W. A. NICHOLSON, who commanded the *Manhattan* in Mobile Bay, has conferred additional lustre on a name eminent in the naval history of our country. His father and grandfather passed their lives in the service, and several others of the family have distinguished themselves in it. His first command was the gunboat *Isaac Smith*, on the DUPONT Port Royal expedition, where he won the approbation of Admiral DUPONT, he in the most approving terms remarking, in his first official report, upon the efforts of Lieut.-Commander NICHOLSON to rescue the crew of the *Governor*, his own vessel having been disabled by the storm, and in great peril. During the winter of 1861-'62, he rendered important service at Fort Pulaski, Fernandina, St. Marys, and Jacksonville. In the spring of '62 he was assigned the command of St. Augustine. After turning it over to the army of occupation, he went to St. Johns river, where, with only two small steamers and the *Isaac Smith*, he kept the river and coast clear of batteries and guerillas. Commander N. entered the navy at an early age, and though now one of the youngest commanders in it, he has seen nearly eighteen years' sea service. A more loyal, energetic, and devoted officer the navy cannot boast. His cool and gallant conduct in the late engagement in Mobile Bay merits the gratitude of his country.

MICHIGAN, S. W.—5 GUNS.—This little steamer, our only naval representative on the lakes, which has performed so much valuable service of late in checkmating the raiding parties from Canada, was built at Erie, Penn. Her hull was commenced in 1842, and she was launched in 1844. She cost the United States about $165,000. She was designed by SAMUEL HARTT, and the engines by C. W. COPELAND. The engines were built by STACKHOUSE & TOMILSON, of Pittsburgh. She has always been on the lakes, and is the only vessel allowed by treaty to represent the United States Navy in those waters. Since the rebellion, she has been most actively employed in protecting the frontier, and her presence has frustrated numerous plans of the Confederates, which, if carried into execution, would have resulted in serious damage to life and property. The following is a list of her officers: Commander, John C. Carter; Surgeon, Jos. Wilson; Paymaster, C. C. Jackson; Acting Master, Elias G. Martin; First Assistant Engineer, James McKell; Acting Ensigns, A. J. Louch, C. C. Eddy; Acting Master's Mates, J. Hunter, J. Cummins; Captain's Clerk, C. E. Curtis; Paymaster's Clerk, J. J. Odell; Sergeant of Marines, James Stevenson; Pilots, W. Hinton, A. St. Benard.

STATE OF GEORGIA, S. W.—9 GUNS.—This vessel, which has been undergoing repairs at the dock of JAS. MURPHY & Co., is nearly ready for sea service again, and will be sent over to the Navy-yard very soon. She is now in a condition to do considerable service, her engines having been thoroughly overhauled.

A SAD ACCIDENT.—Acting Ensign H. B. CHASE, attached to the United States gunboat *State of Georgia*, fell overboard from the gangway of that vessel yesterday morning, and sunk before he could be rescued. Mr. CHASE was a native of New-Bedford, Mass., and entered the service a few months since. He was attached to the *Florida* on her last cruise, and was but recently transferred to the *State of Georgia*. At the time of the accident he was going on shore with the ship's mail, and had on a heavy overcoat. No one saw him fall, but his cries attracted the attention of two of the junior officers, who threw a ladder to him. This he missed, and sunk before further assistance could be rendered. Mr. CHASE was a promising young officer, and beloved by all who knew him.

BERMUDA. — The supply-steamer *Bermuda*, Acting Volunteer Lieut. J. W. SMITH, commanding, will not sail from the Philadelphia Navy-yard until Tuesday, Nov. 15, by order of the Navy Department.

—Acting Master JOHN MCGOWAN, Jr., of the *State of Georgia*, has been granted a short leave of absence, and left for Indianapolis last evening.

THE PICKET-BOATS.—The success of picket-boat No. 1 will no doubt be followed by the construction of a large number of these very valuable craft. No fleet, squadron or flotilla can be considered complete without a number of them.

PERSONAL.—Capt. JOHN DE CAMP is in town daily attending the court-martial now in session at the Brooklyn Marine Barracks.

Commodore HENRY H. BELL was in the city, yesterday; he is improving in health, and looks quite like himself again.

Lieutenant Commander F. M. BUNCE has been detached from the *Dictator*, and ordered to duty connected with the picket-boat fleet.

Commander JOHN GUEST of the *Galatea* has been relieved and ordered to command the *Iosco*.

Commander S. NICHOLSON has been detached from the *State of Georgia* and ordered to the *Galatea*.

RHODE ISLAND, S. W., 10.—The *Rhode Island* now lies in the stream near the Wall-street Ferry She will convoy the *Costa Rica* to Aspinwall, leaving here on Monday, Nov. 14.

MARINE CORPS.—Capt. JOHN L. BROOME, late executive officer at the marine barracks, Brooklyn, has been detached and ordered to command the marine barracks at Mound City, Illinois.

GEMSBOK, BARK—5 GUNS.—The United States bark *Gemsbok* is to be fitted for special service. She has been lying in ordinary since her arrival at New-York on the 11th of July, 1864.

The Japanese gunboat *Fusiyuma* will probably be purchased by the United States Navy Department.

—Lieut. W. B. CUSHING, the hero of the *Albemarle* affair, is expected to be in this city today. He is preparing more mischievous plans for Confederate consideration.

PERSONAL.—Rear-Admiral CHARLES H. DAVIS, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, is in this city on important business.

Obituary.

DEATH OF SAMUEL MEDARY, OF OHIO.

The telegraph announces the death of Ex-Gov. SAMUEL MEDARY, at his residence in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday. He was born in Maryland about the commencement of the present century, and emigrated to Ohio upon attaining his majority. In the political campaign of 1828, he was editor of the *Sun*, published in Clermont County, and supported Gen. JACKSON for President. In 1833 he represented his county in the State Senate. During his Senatorial career, he was elected by the State Legislature, State Printer, and removed to Columbus, where he published the *Western Hemisphere*, a Democratic sheet, which, in a short time, was changed to the *Ohio Statesman*. Under the Administration of Mr. POLK, Col. MEDARY was Postmaster at Columbus; under that of Mr. BUCHANAN he was appointed Governor of Minnesota, and upon the admission of that Territory into the Union as a State, was transferred to Kansas as Territorial Governor, and served in that capacity until that Territory also became a State, when he returned to Ohio, where he soon after established the *Crisis*. Elected to represent, in part, the Capital District in the Chicago Convention, Gov. MEDARY made arrangements to attend, but was prevented by that sickness which proved fatal.

GOVERNOR TALLMADGE.

NATHANIEL P. TALLMADGE died at Battle Creek, Michigan, on Wednesday of last week. He was born at Chatham, Columbia county, in this State, February 8, 1795, and after graduating at Union College, was admitted to the bar in 1818. He was afterwards for many years identified with the politics of this State. In 1827 he was elected to the Assembly from this county, and in 1829 was chosen to represent the Second District in the Senate of this State. He belonged to the "conservative" school, and was brought forward by his friends in canvass against BENJAMIN F. BUTLER for the Senate of the United States. He was successful, and continued in fellowship with his party till 1837, when he "bolted," and came out in host

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Arrival of the Mails by the Africa.

THE TRIAL AND CONVICTION OF MULLER.

MISCELLANEOUS EXTRACTS.

The mails by the *Africa*, comprising dates to Oct. 31, reached the city yesterday morning. They furnish us the following details of news:

THE MURDER OF MR. BRIGGS.

REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF MULLER.

From the European Times, Oct. 30.

Thursday, Oct. 27, being the day appointed for the trial of MULLER, the Central Criminal Court was crowded, and the scene outside was beyond description. The outer door at the Old Bailey, at which the judge, the counsel and the city authorities enter, was guarded by a posse of police, and at this door there was a succession for demands for admission from 8 o'clock in the morning. A vast number of persons were summoned to be in attendance as jurymen, both English and foreigners, and were crowded together in rooms contiguous to the court.

The Counsel for the Crown came into court shortly before 10 o'clock. They were the Solicitor-General, (Sir R. P. Collier,) Serjeant Ballantine, Mr. Hannen, (Counsel for the Treasury,) Mr. Giffard and Mr. Beasley, instructed by Mr. Greenwood, Q. C., Solicitor to the Treasury, and Mr. Pollard, Assistant Solicitor. The counsel for the defence was Serjeant Parry, Mr. Metcalfe and Mr. Besley, instructed by Mr. Beard.

At 10 o'clock the Lord Chief Baron and Baron Martin, accompanied by the Lord Mayor, entered the court, and the prisoner was placed at the bar. He advanced with a steady step, though his face wore a pale and care-worn appearance.

In answer to the usual question put by the clerk of the Crown, he pleaded not guilty.

The operation of obtaining a jury occupied three-quarters of an hour. Twelve Englishmen having at length been selected, the Solicitor-General opened the case for the prosecution.

After reviewing briefly the circumstances of the murder of Mr. Briggs, he said that he was found to have received several bruises, evidently inflicted with a blunt instrument, with several fractures of the skull. There were also wounds which might have been caused by his falling out of the carriage. The dress of Mr. Briggs was disordered, but not so much as to indicate a severe contest with his assailant. He had been robbed of his watch and chain, but not to any further extent, for four sovereigns were found in his trousers pocket. In the carriage there was found blood, and also by the window, near to which Mr. Briggs was supposed to have sat. There was blood also on the handle of the carriage, and on the steps. The blood had been analyzed by Dr. Letheby and other eminent persons, and declared to be human blood, but of that he believed there would be no question. Now, the jury might be disposed to ask him whether the murder was committed by one person, or by more than one. He told them frankly that he could not tell, but he thought it probable that it was committed only by one; for if it had been done by a gang of thieves, the pockets of Mr. Briggs would have been rifled, and his bag opened; while, if it were done by one person, he would have had enough to do in getting possession of the watch and chain, and throwing the body out of the carriage. Nor was he able to give them distinct information as to the weapon with which the murder was committed, although there was a stick in the carriage which had blood upon it. He could not say whether it was a premeditated or a fortuitous murder, although personally he thought it was the result of a sudden impulse. Then there was a hat found in the carriage, and that hat was not the hat of Mr. Briggs. It was, he presumed, an understood fact that the man to whom the hat belonged was the murderer, indeed it was as clear as though anyone had seen the murder committed. The Solicitor-General then detailed several circumstances connected with the life of the prisoner Muller since he came to England two years ago. He had worked for several persons, among others for Mr. Hodgkinson, of Cornhill, as a tailor. He was very poor, but he had a watch and chain, which he had pawned for £3 and £1 respectively. He lodged at the house of a Mrs. Biythe, in Victoria-park, near Hackney Wick Station, and the railway would be on his way home. They had information of Muller's whereabouts on the Saturday, as he was in the habit of passing a good deal of his time at the house of Mr. Repsch, a tailor, in Jewry-street. He left there about 7½ o'clock on Saturday evening. His landlady sat up for him until 11 o'clock on Saturday night, but he had not returned at that time. But he had a latch key with which he could let himself in. On the Sunday he was at home all day with his landlady and her husband, with the exception of a walk they took together in the evening. At ten o'clock on Monday morning, he was in possession of Mr. Brigg's chain. It appeared he went to the shop of Mr. Death, a jeweller in Cheapside, and produced the chain in question, and asked the value of it. Mr. Death valued it at £3 10s., and the prisoner selected a chain worth £3 5s., which he said he would have in exchange. Mr. Death asked him what he would take for the odd 5s., and he said he would have a ring, and he was given one with a cornelian stone. The prisoner was seen with the chain and the ring in the course of the day, and he said he had purchased them that morning. It appeared that, having exchanged the chain of Mr. Briggs, he pawned the one he obtained by the exchange, and with the money raised by that he redeemed his own watch and chain, which he took to another pawnbroker who would lend him more money on them, and obtained £4, after which he sold the ticket, and having raised money in that manner, he went to the docks and purchased a ticket for his passage to New York. The prisoner was not only found dealing with Mr. Briggs' chain, but at the time of his apprehension Mr. Briggs' watch was found in his trunk sewed up in a piece of canvas. In ordinary cases of robbery the fact of a prisoner being found so soon after the robbery in possession of the stolen property would be deemed sufficient proof of guilt, but, in the case of murder, they would probably require some additional evidence, and he should, he believed, be in a position to prove that the hat found in the railway carriage, which was the hat of the murderer, was the hat worn by the prisoner. He then proceeded to narrate the evidence which would be called to prove that the hat was the prisoner's. It bore the name of "H. Walker," Crawford-street, and had a very peculiar lining. That hat no doubt was worn by the murderer on the night of the murder, and he should be able to show that the hat was the property of Muller. One of his acquaintances was a cabman named Matthews, who bought a hat of Walker, which Muller admired, and asked him to buy him one of a similar kind, which he did, and Muller being short of money gave him a waistcoat in exchange. But the identity of the hat did not depend upon the cabman alone, for he should call before them Mr. and Mrs. Repsch, who would prove he wore a hat with Walker's name in it. If Muller's hat, bought at Walker's, was not forthcoming, where was it? But the case did not rest there, for the murderer, whoever he was, not only left his own hat, but took away the hat of Mr. Briggs; and he thought he should be able to show that Mr. Briggs' hat was found in the possession of Muller when he was apprehended. Mr. Briggs dealt with hatters by the name of Dingace & Co. When young Mr. Briggs first saw the hat he had doubts of its identity, as it was lower in the crown than that of his father's, and so indeed it was, for the hat had been cut down about an inch, or an inch and a half, but not by a hatter, although it had been done very neatly. The fact was, the hat had been cut down, not by a hatter, but by some one who understood sewing—probably a tailor. Why should he have cut it down? The maker of the hat would tell them that when he completed the hat, his practice was to write the customer's name under the lining, and this was the portion of the hat which had been cut away. That hat Muller wore in London, and Repsch took notice of it. Muller said it was a new hat, and that he had given 14s. 6d. for it, on which Repsch remarked that it looked like a guinea hat; and that was the price which Mr. Briggs paid for it. He might state that Muller's best pair of trowsers, which he wore on the night of the 9th of July, were missing, as were several other articles of clothing. These were the facts which he should be able to prove. It might be true that this was merely circumstantial evidence, but the jury must remember that circumstantial evidence was frequently in such cases the most conclusive, and that it was by circumstantial evidence that some of the greatest crimes ever committed had been detected. If that evidence proved the prisoner's guilt, he was sure they would not shrink from the performance of their duties.

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Various witnesses were summoned to testify to the circumstances of the finding of Mr. Briggs' body.

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George Blythe and his wife, with whom the prisoner lodged at Old Ford-road, gave evidence as to the absence of Muller on the night of the murder, and the difference in the prisoner's dress when seen on the Sunday morning.

In cross-examination by Mr. Metcalfe, the husband stated that Muller was lame in consequence of a cart wheel running over his foot. He was in every respect a well conducted young man. He had made it public amongst his friends that he was going to New-York for some time previous; for a fortnight at least.

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This witness was cross-examined at some length by Mr. Serjeant Parry, but nothing material was elicited beyond the fact that a fortnight before he started for New-York he declined to lend her 5s. stating that he wished to buy a new hat.

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THE SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The court was again crowded to excess. The prisoner looked quite as calm and unconcerned as on the previous day. Before the proceedings commenced he had a short interview in the dock with his solicitor, Mr. T. Beard.

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He was a vain, boastful man, and it could not be denied that, in reference to his own affairs, he had said many things which were not strictly true; there was no object in many of these statements. He could have had no possible object in saying that he was going to America for Messrs. Hodgkinson at £150 a year, and he asked them not to place any reliance upon the statements of a vain, boastful young man. It could not be proved that the hat in question ever belonged to Mr. Briggs. He should show them the fact of the hat being cut down was no evidence of guilt on the part of Muller, as he should show by evidence he should adduce that the cutting down of hats in this way was a common practice in the second-hand trade. Then, with regard to the watch and chain, Muller had to contend against the fact that he had told untruths about them. The possession of the watch and chain was certainly a mystery; but there were many mysteries in the world which would never be cleared up. No doubt that, in buying the watch and chain at the docks, Muller must have known that he was doing a very wrong thing; but where was there a place more likely than the docks where a young man at Muller's age might be more easily deluded into the purchase of such articles? That he had money in his possession had been proved by Haffa, and that money must have gone somewhere, for he had only eleven shillings in his possession when he was arrested on board the *Victoria*. He contended that there was sufficient evidence to show that Muller was at the docks on Monday. It was shown that he left Mrs. Bligh's on that morning at eight o'clock, and it was ten o'clock when he called upon Mr. Death. After proceeding to the docks and making the purchases, Muller might have become suspicious about the nature of the purchase he had made, and, being suspicious, had gone to Mr. Death's to ascertain the value of the property and, if possible to effect an exchange. Referring to the dress the prisoner wore on various occasions, the learned sergeant said, that it would not be a very wonderful thing to an ordinary mind that a man should wear a dark pair of trousers on the Saturdays and a light pair of trousers on the Mondays; but the prosecution had endeavored to construe every fact to the prejudice of the prisoner, and the inference attempted to be forced upon the jury was, that Muller had made away with the pair of black trousers. He might have sold those trousers on the vessel, and that was a very likely thing, for he was a man who was always buying, selling and chaffering. Moreover, he had no money when he started, and seven shillings were found upon him when he was arrested. He had now offered to the jury what he thought a not unreasonable interpretation of the prisoner's proceedings; and with the exception of the false statement he had made, his conduct had been straightforward and open to the world. At the docks he gave his right name, although he was said to have committed a great murder on the previous Saturday. He pledged everything in his own name, and when at sea he wrote a natural and creditable letter to his friend Mr. Bligh, in London; all this seemed quite inconsistent with a guilty mind. Muller had declared when seized that he was never on the line, and that statement there was no attempt to contradict. There was one part of the case which he almost defied them to reconcile with the prisoner's guilt. Mr. Briggs was a man 5 feet 8 inches or 5 feet 9 inches high, strong, and in robust health, to whom the prisoner at the bar was a mere stripling. The distance between Bow and Hackney Wick was 1 mile 1,414 yards, and the body was found within seven hundred yards from Hackney Wick station. All this attack, and the body dragged across the carriage and thrown out—all in the space of a minute and a half—could they believe that so slight a young man could have committed such a series of acts in a time so credibly short? could that struggle, which ended in the death of a powerful, sober man, have been perpetrated by the young man at the bar? The gentlemen of the jury had their eyes about them, and they were probably able to judge on that point for themselves. Such an impression on their minds, if they believed it, would negative all the circumstantial evidence in the world. He could only imagine that such a crime could have been committed by men well accustomed to traffic in robbery, and, if necessary, to secure themselves by blood. He could imagine two such men attracted by the gold watch and chain, and the black bag, following Mr. Briggs, and attacking him for the purpose of securing his property; but this young man was a person of peaceful disposition, of kindly habits, and yet it was said of him that it was he who had committed this awful crime. He contended that it was impossible for human cruelty to believe that the young man Muller could have committed the murder under such circumstances. He maintained, moreover, that the murderers of Mr. Briggs, whoever they were, came with their own weapons, and that the murder was not committed by means of the stick which was found in the carriage. If this were an ordinary case of trade of any kind, or a miserable case between the dust-cart and the hack-cart, he should be allowed to sum up the evidence; but as it was a case of life and death, he was precluded from doing so. The learned sergeant said he should call Mr. Leigh, who saw two persons with Mr. Briggs in the cars at Bow. You have been told Muller said he was going to see his sweetheart. I shall show you he did go to see a girl of the town, who did not know him by his right name, Mrs. Jones, the landlady of the girl, will say on that night, after 9 o'clock, he went to her house, in the neighborhood of the Vassal-road, and asked for the girl, who was out. He talked for ten minutes. He had on his slippers. An hour after, the girl Eldred returned, and next morning Mrs. Jones told her that her Frenchman had been. The way Mrs. Jones and Eldred fixed the time is by the telegraphic message I hold in my hand. That telegram was received by the girl on the 9th, from a man named A. G. Strangham, saying he should come on the next Sunday. If he proved that Muller was there at 9 o'clock it would interpose another element of great doubt. This Mrs. Jones has two other lodgers, unfortunates. Muller's visits to this place are the sole stain upon him; but when we know what is going on from the highest to the lowest, we should not pour out our moral indignation on him for this. The telegram is genuine: I will prove it beyond all doubt, and show that Muller went to the girl Eldred, to whom he said he was going. I shall also call before you a certain witness, the weight of whose testimony will not be great—an omnibus conductor who is unable to identify Muller in the prison, nor can he prove the date, but he remembers at seven minutes to ten o'clock, on one night, three or four months ago, a passenger got up on that 'bus who had a carpet slipper on one foot, and that 'bus was from Camberwell—the time tallies with his visit to Mrs. Jones, or Johnson. Every effort has been made to find the person from whom Muller purchased the hat, but he regretted that those efforts had not been attended with success. The learned sergeant then proceeded as follows: I have already said that it is my intention to call a witness in respect of the hat of Mr. Briggs, who will tell you in the second-hand trade it is not unusual to cut down hats and sew them. There is one more observation which I ought to have made before, and is of great importance. It is this—that no marks of blood have been found on Muller's clothes. It is idle to say that he made away with his clothes. Clearly he did not before he got to the docks. No doubt the assailant of Mr. Briggs must have been covered with blood. Gentlemen, I believe I have urged on your attention every topic that I thought might be fairly advanced on behalf of the prisoner at the bar. I hope I have done my duty. The case is one of great suspicion, and I hope you will forgive me for saying if the fact is not proved, it is equivalent to a declaration of innocence. If ever there was a case that required care it is this. Your sentence once pronounced and inscribed, you can never recall it. Yours is the power given to no other institution, the transcendant power of saying whether this young man shall live or die, that is the awful duty you have to perform when you leave that box, and I conclude as I began in expressing my full confidence in your honor and care. It is for you to give judgment, and I trust and pray that the judgment will be one of mercy.

The court then adjourned at ten minutes to five. The court will sit at nine instead of ten. It is doubtful whether a verdict will be given to-morrow.

When Mr. Briggs, son of the deceased gentleman, gave his evidence, Muller, who was sitting down at the time, instantly stood up and appeared to devour every word the witness uttered, but with an expression of sympathy that was strikingly remarkable.

Sergeant Parry's allusions to the unfortunate position of Muller caused great emotion in the prisoner. His lips quivered, and, holding his head down, he wept bitterly. In this position he continued while the learned counsel was speaking, and was, consequently, visible only to the people who were seated in the gallery and those in the

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

A dispatch from Chattanooga, dated Nov. 11, says that on Monday morning, Nov. 7, at daylight, the rebels attacked our pickets south of Atlanta, killed one, wounded two of the Third Indiana, but subsequently they fell back. On Wednesday morning the rebels made three attacks on Atlanta, shells being thrown as far as Rolling Mill. The most desperate attack was made on the Rough and Ready road. The rebel artillery was within one hundred yards of our works, and their infantry and dismounted cavalry within two hundred yards. Our men were aroused from their slumbers, and quickly manned the defences and soon drove the rebels off. The rebels were part of YOUNG'S command, and they finally retreated toward Macon. Our army is in excellent spirits and well supplied with rations. The election has gone largely for LINCOLN. The Cincinnati *Gazette* has a dispatch from Nashville, which denies the reported evacuation of Atlanta by Gen. SHERMAN, and the destruction of the Atlanta and Chattanooga Railroad.

A dispatch from the Army of the Potomac dated Friday, Nov. 11, says that on Wednesday evening, about 7 o'clock, a force of the enemy was discovered massing in front of our line, near Fort Steadman, when the guns of the fort opened fire, driving them to their works to seek shelter. The rebel batteries replied briskly for a time, but they were soon silenced by our shells and mortars. A force of about one hundred and fifty rebels shortly after made a sortie from their lines and attempted to penetrate ours, but, being met by a salute from our pickets, were not long in finding their way back, and putting themselves under cover.

Advices from Gen. SHERIDAN'S army state that his forces are now in the immediate vicinity of Winchester, and that the rebels under EARLY are at Newmarket, reinforcing.

Col. OULD, rebel Commissioner for the Exchange of Prisoners, with the assent of the rebel Secretary of War, has asked permission of Gen. GRANT to have thirty thousand pairs of blankets purchased in New-York for the use of the rebel prisoners of war. He also requests permission of our Government to pay for these goods with a cargo of cotton, to be shipped from Wilmington.

It is officially announced that the efficiency of the army in the field requires the furloughs of all regimental officers and enlisted men fit for duty to terminate on the 14th instant. Provost-Marshals are required to take measures to have such officers and soldiers returned to their proper commands.

FROM EUROPE.

The steamship *Nova Scotian*, with telegraphic advices from Liverpool to the 3d inst., passed Cape Race yesterday. The steamship *Jura*, while entering the River Mersey, on her last outward trip, ran ashore, parted amidships, and proved a total wreck. Her passengers and crew were safely landed. The news of the capture of the pirate *Florida* by the *Wachusett*, had been received in England, and the London *Index*, *Herald* and *Times* hailed it with fierce invective and denunciation. The *Times* says it "was a piratical act."

GENERAL NEWS.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning, a man named GEORGE NICKEL was shot through the head with a pistol in the hands of the proprietor of the saloon No. 55 Rose-street, whose name is CHARLES P. ENGSTRON. NICKEL fell to the floor and died instantly. Coroner NAUMANN held an inquest on the body, and the jury, in their verdict, said they believed the deed one of willful, unprovoked and deliberate murder. ENGSTRON was committed to the Tombs.

GOLDWIN SMITH, who, as the vindicator of our country's cause in England, has gained a high and honorable reputation, was yesterday morning entertained at the rooms of the Union League Club. An elegant breakfast was served, many of our most distinguished citizens being present. Mr. JOHN JAY welcomed GOLDWIN SMITH in an eloquent speech, to which Mr. SMITH appropriately replied.

The Cincinnati *Commercial* says: "A case decided by Judge LEAVITT, in the United States District Court, illustrates one of the beauties of the Amnesty Proclamation. EDWARD HUGHES, indicted for acting as guide to JOHN MORGAN'S expedition in Pike County, Ohio, pleaded the Amnesty Proclamation, and was discharged."

At a meeting of the Union Republicans of Salem, Mass., to rejoice over the result of the election, the defeat of Gov. SEYMOUR was announced. The audience were at once wild with excitement, and rose and cheered and waved their hats without cessation for several minutes.

A Chattanooga letter of the 4th instant says a large quantity of supplies was being sent southward from that post. Gen. SHERMAN still remained near Gaylesville, Ala., where he had been for three or three weeks.

THE LATE ELECTIONS.—There are some interesting facts in regard to *registry* for the elections of Tuesday last, which deserve public consideration before they are forgotten. About 15,000 more voters were registered than votes were deposited. A certain proportion of these were undoubtedly registered twice in consequence of removals to other wards. That 6,000 would probably cover all these. We may fairly estimate that 9,000 or 10,000 voters staid at home, and from the great defection in the expected Democratic majority we may, possibly, conclude they were Democrats. What occasioned this astonishing falling off of persons who, a few weeks ago registered their names to vote? We think it not at all an improbable thing that the arrival of Gen. BUTLER has had a very significant connection with this fact. There are more than 10,000 Southern refugees in the city. They very naturally expected to vote. Had they voted, we should have had Gov. SEYMOUR for another two years, which alone would have been worth a victory for JEFF. DAVIS. But the name and the preparations of Gen. BUTLER struck terror into them, and they kept away from the polls. In two of the strongest Democratic wards—the First and Fourteenth—there seem to have been some 2,000 more votes than were registered. The explanation we leave to those who have charge of the returns.

A Lesson from Calhoun.

In one of his most elaborate speeches, the great nullifier, JOHN C. CALHOUN, marks the distinction between an offensive and defensive war, and between a factious and reasonable Congressional opposition, with a philosophic clearness which merits some attention from his professed followers, North and South, at this crisis. The occasion of the speech was the report of a bill from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported to the House of Representatives on the 10th of January, 1814, authorizing the President to raise, for five years' service, fourteen regiments of infantry authorized by an act of the previous session. Mr. CALHOUN'S duty was to show the justice and expediency of the measure. Its rejection involved the withdrawal of the force designated for the conquest of Canada, the general reduction of the army, and the abandonment of all naval operations against the public enemy.

Mr. CALHOUN'S prime maxim, textually, was this: "I lay it down as a rule, that a defensive war does not become offensive by being carried beyond the limits of our territory." His argument, therefore, in favor of the complete and final subjugation of the British Provinces was simply that such a subjugation had become "a necessity of *the existence of the United States.*" The mere abstract question of the right of subjugation, he held to be merged in the paramount exigency which existed—that of maintaining intact the sovereignty of the National Government. "The scene of action," Mr. CALHOUN maintained, "had nothing to do with the primary question which the war with Great Britain was begun to bring to a final solution. The conquest of Canada might become an incident of the war. But the conquest of Canada was not the object for which the war was commenced. "It would be idle," says Mr. CALHOUN, "to inquire whether the cause of continuing the war—to protect our seamen from impressment—was of an offensive or defensive character. No one," he argues, "denies the right of a recognized Government to assert its authority, under all circumstances, where the rights of the citizen are concerned." And having thus laid down the law as to the right of the Government to carry a war commenced in defence of its acknowledged rights, into an offensive warfare, Mr. CALHOUN presents with that singular lucidity of reasoning and terseness of diction which always distinguished him, the picture of an Opposition organized to frustrate the Administration in the assertion of its indisputable rights. Says he:

"A factious opposition is compounded of such elements that no reflecting man will ever consider it as harmless. The fiercest and most ungovernable passions of our nature, ambition, pride, rivalry and hate, enter into its dangerous composition, made still more so by its power of delusion, by which its projects against government are covered, in most instances, *even to the eyes of its victims, by the specious show of patriotism.* Thus constituted, who can estimate its force? Where can benevolent and social feelings be found sufficiently strong to counteract its progress? Is love of country? Alas! the attachment to a party becomes stronger than to our country. *A factious opposition sickens at the sight of the prosperity and success of the country.* Wide-spread adversity is its life; general prosperity its death. Nor is it only over our moral sentiments that this bane of freedom triumphs. Even the selfish passions of our nature, planted in our bosoms for our individual safety, afford no obstacle to its progress. It is this opposition, it is this moral treason which has, in all ages and countries, ever proved the most deadly foe to freedom. *Nor is it then only dangerous when it breaks out into open treason and rebellion.* Without resort to violence, it is able in a thousand ways to counteract and deaden all the motions of Government, to render its policy wavering, and to compel it to submit to schemes of aggrandisement on the part of other Governments; or, if resistance be resolved on, to render it feeble and ineffectual. Do gentlemen ask for instances? Unhappily, they are but too numerous. Admired and lamented Republics of antiquity! Where can they be found? Athens, Carthage and Rome, *you* are the witnesses of the fell spirit of factious opposition! Fatal fields of Zama and Cheronæa, you can attest its destructive cruelty! What is the history of POLYBIUS, and that of the other historians of the free States of antiquity? What the speeches of CICERO and the orations of DEMOSTHENES, but volumes of evidence, attesting that an opposition founded in faction is the most dangerous of political evils. The history of modern times is pregnant with examples. * * * What arrested the war of MARLBOROUH, when France was so humbled that, *had it been continued, Europe might have been free from the danger she has experienced from that Power?* What stayed the conquering hand of CHATHAM when, before his genius and power, the throne of the Bourbons trembled to its centre? *The spirit of factious opposition—that common cause of calamity—that without which liberty might be eternal and free States irresistible.*"

These were the words of CALHOUN, uttered full fifty years ago, before he had learned to think of his country as a mere aggregation of States temporarily allied, instead of a homogeneous nation, one in principle, one in feeling, one in action. How pointedly he marks the distinction between the patriot and the partisan! How truthfully he has cast the horoscope of his degenerate disciples in these later days! And with what terrible prescience has he pictured the fate of nations which have fallen victims to passion and to faction!

The Finances of the Rebel Confederacy.

The romance in which DAVIS indulges in his last address to his Congress is specially shown in his financial references. The rebel treasury, he avows, is not in a bad condition at all. Things, in fact, look altogether hopeful. Between the present time and the first of June, 1865, he will want in all only $438,102,679, to carry him through, and more than this sum his Congress has already provided him with; for, on the 1st of January, 1865, he will have funds on hand, in the shape of unappropriated balances, to the amount of $467,416,504.

This looks very fine indeed; but when we come to examine the details which DAVIS' Finance Minister finds it necessary to enter into, there is a sad falling off in the magnificence of the thing. This candid gentleman shows, that unless a uniform and stable value can be given to the Treasury notes, *the efforts to carry on* the war through their instrumentality must be abandoned. "Acquiescence in its deplorable depreciation is to conrt the disaster to which it leads." This, we think very likely to be the case, considering that one hundred and thirty-five dollars of DAVIS' own currency is all that he can get for one hundred dollars in his six per cent. bonds—*which is equal to six dollars in specie.* DAVIS' one-dollar bills, in short, according to M. TRENHOLM'S confessions then, are worth a fraction over four cents each.

This throws some little light upon the "Confederate President's" magnificent balances. The rebel Secretary of the Treasury thinks that selling bonds at 96 per cent. discount is hardly the thing for a flourishing Confederacy, and he talks about it in what we may call a fair business style. "There is not a man of property in the country," he says, "who would not prefer any fair measure of taxation rather than procure a temporary and treacherous prosperity by the sale of mortgages on his real estate at this ruinous rate." We should not. "The time, therefore," Mr. TRENHOLM declares, "has arrived when Congress should take measures to restore and sustain the currency, or make provision for its honorable redemption." What the Secretary would consider "honorable redemption"—*in coin—in bullion*—we do not exactly know. But we presume that as the Confederate dollar is just now only worth four cents in Richmond, and as it could only sell in bundles at so much per pound avoirdupois in New-York or London, it would be honorable redemption if any Confederate capitalist could be found to buy up the whole batch of it at, say *two cents;* that would be about a mean between the current quotations for Confederate paper in the home and foreign market. The question is, will the capitalists of the Confederacy on this tempting occasion come forward with their loose change? That is what troubles Secretary TRENHOLM. We suspect that is what likewise troubles JEFFERSON DAVIS, although he doesn't say it.

As the Secretary sees no way of getting his redundant paper currency turned into specie, he has a plan of his own for attaining "honorable redemption," fixing the rates which shall be chargable for the great staple commodities within the Confederacy. And as the notion may be of service to financiers in other parts of the world, we must quote the outline of Mr. TRENHOLM'S scheme at length.

"I propose," he says, "that the redemption shall be made from the tithes of cotton, wheat and corn, at prices fixed by the act—namely, cotton at fifty cents per pound, wheat at four dollars per bushel, and corn at two dollars per bushel; that the notes be received after the war, from all persons liable to the tax in kind, in commutation of their tithes; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to issue certificates in exchange for Treasury notes bearing six per cent. interest, secured and redeemable in the same manner and on the same terms as the notes themselves, free from taxation, and receivable after the war in payment of the tax in kind; and that all notes received into the Treasury for these certificates be canceled."

This plan wants but one thing to recommend it to the practical consideration of the planters and farmers of the Confederacy. It wants the confidence of JEFFERSON DAVIS' temporary subjects on the permanence of his reign or the triumph of the rebellion. If it has this, the plan would succeed probably, because there would then be some assurance that the notes they get now would go to pay the Confederate taxes "*after the war.*" The hitch is here, that the great body of the people South are beginning to believe that "after the war" there will be no Confederate levy of taxes, because there will be no Confederate Government in existence to call for taxation. SHERMAN in Georgia is giving strong encouragement to this belief. And we presume that SHERMAN also has much to answer for in causing this depreciation of the Confederate dollar to four cents in nickel. In view of this fact, the sooner Mr. Secretary TRENHOLM gets his six per cent. bonds commuted, the better in a financial sense. A further decline may be expected when SHERMAN comes within sight of the Atlantic coast.

The Franco-Italian Convention.

There is some mistake about the Franco-Italian Convention. Both the Ultramontanists and the friends of Italy—both the French Imperialist press and the French Opposition press, assume, in the discussion of its provisions, and probable effects, that it is already a *fait accompli.* This, however, cannot be, even though the Pope were disposed to sanction it, even though the names of DROUN DE LHUYS, DI NIGRA and PEPOLI are subscribed to it.

The Third NAPOLEON is a despot, and can make and unmake treaties as he pleases, but VICTOR EMANUEL is a constitutional King, and can do neither the one nor the other. The former might have assented to and ratified the convention of the 15th September, without pausing to consider whether the French Chambers would approve or disapprove of his act. The latter could not have ventured on anything of the kind, save under condition that his Parliament would confirm it. The signature of the Ministers of the King of Italy then to the draft of the convention must not be taken to mean that the whole matter is settled on the part of their master, but merely that his Italian Majesty is prepared to abide by the obligations of the treaty, if the Italian Legislature will permit him. With the consent of his Chambers VICTOR EMANUEL is ready to transfer his Government to Florence, is ready to assume the payment of a certain portion of the Pontifical debt, is ready to undertake to shield the "Patrimony of St. Peter" from foreign invasion; but it is an absurdity to suppose that he has *absolutely* bound himself to perform all these engagements without any regard as to whether the Turin law-makers would set the seal of their approbation to them or not. If the Turin Chambers indorse the terms of the convention, it will hold good so far as Italy is concerned; if the chambers decline to indorse its terms, the Franco-Italian treaty will fall to the ground, despite the signatures of the ministers and the sanction of the King. Already, indeed, its fate may have been decided, for the Italian Chambers have been several days in session, and at their opening the question of the treaty was to be at once submitted to them.

The rejection of the treaty, under the very peculiar circumstances of the country, would no doubt be an act of great imprudence on the part of the Italian Chambers; nor is it at all probable that they will assume the responsibility of taking such a course. Still, if that provision of the instrument which fixes a time for the departure of the French from the "Eternal City," will render the convention acceptable to all true Italians, there are yet some other of its terms which all natives of the Transalpine peninsula will find it hard to digest. That clause of the treaty, for instance, which saddles the nation with the greater portion of the Papal debt in her present embarrassed state, will encounter the strenuous opposition of many an Italian Joe Hume; while the idea of renouncing all claim to Rome as the metropolis of the kingdom, will rouse the ire of every whole-souled patriot. On this most delicate theme, however, *reticence* will be the best policy for the representatives of the Italian people to practice; for were the opinions and aspirations of the nation in relation thereto freely uttered, they might give umbrage to the Emperor of the French, afford him a pretext for getting rid of his obligations, prove fatal to the convention, and inflict an incalculable amount of injury on Italy. All the Turin Parliament has to do is to approve the acts of the Italian King and Government, and leave no ground on which the enemies of liberty and unity could establish a charge of bad faith against the Executive or the State. In good time the men of Rome will effect the rest.

The Japanese Imbroglio.

The profits of Japanese commerce will hardly indemnify foreigners for all the trouble, cost and disgrace incurred in attempting to coerce those misanthropic orientals into sociability. The attack of Admiral KUPER on Kagosima, and the destruction of that city, brought as little of gain as of glory to England, and now another expedition has been planned against another recusant Daimio, which promises to be no more satisfactory in its results than the former one. The expedition against Kagosima was undertaken to compel the Prince of Satsuma to surrender the assassins of RICHARDSON; the present expedition is to be undertaken to compel the Prince of NAGATO to permit foreign vessels to navigate what is called the "Inland Sea." The entrance to this sea is protected by forts, which have been of late greatly strengthened, and which open fire on every European or American ship that ventures to approach them. To silence these forts then, and to bring Prince CHOSIN to terms, a formidable naval force has been organized, to which such of the foreign Powers having treaties with Japan, and which consider themselves aggrieved by this action of NAGATO, has contributed all the means of offence at their disposal in those waters—the English, fifteen steamers, of various armament; the Dutch, four corvettes; the French, a line-of-battle ship and two smaller vessels; and the United States, one steamer.

Thus the assailing squadron consists of 23 vessels, which were on the eve of departure from Kanagawa, when the last mail left, but delayed in consequence of the unexpected arrival of the Japanese Envoys from Europe, with the intelligence that they had concluded a convention with the Emperor of the French, which set all difficulties at rest. This announcement, however, will not be very likely to lead to the abandonment of the enterprise, since it has leaked out that the Envoys, in guaranteeing the opening of the "Inland Sea" to foreign navigators, had exceeded their powers, and that, therefore, the convention could not stand.

Now, if this is so, it is plain that the Government of the Tycoon is as much averse to the opening of that sea to foreign vessels as is the Prince of NAGATO himself, and it is equally plain that the great Japanese feudatory is acting, in the present instance, not as an independent sovereign, but as an officer of the empire. If, then, the Prince of NAGATO is defending the entrance to the "Inland Sea" merely as a high functionary of state, why do the aggrieved Powers demean themselves by declaring war and fitting out an expedition against *him* instead of against the *Tycoon?* In Christendom, when the citizen of one State does injury to the citizen of another, redress is at once demanded, and if the Executive of the State to which the wrong-doer belongs does not promptly make reparation, hostilities are commenced, not against the individual delinquent, but against the country of which he is a native. Now, why is not this rule observed in the Orient as well as in Europe? Is it becoming the dignity of such Powers as England, France and America to organize fleets and project enterprises against so paltry an antagonist as the Prince of NAGATO, while they affect to remain at peace with the real offender, the Emperor of Japan? Hitherto, from the dualistic nature of the Japanese sovereignty, and the almost irresponsible authority conceded to the great nobles, it has been sometimes exceedingly difficult for foreigners to determine whom to call to account, and whom not. But now, in relation to the navigation of this "Inland Sea" the Treaty Powers have a clear case against the Government of the Tycoon. He has been at length compelled to show his hand. He will not, forsooth, ratify the convention concluded by his envoys with the French Emperor, because it binds him to open the said sea to foreign traders. Foreign traders, however, have a right by treaty to navigate its waters, and if the Tycoon persists in denying them this right, and refuses to abide by his treaty obligations, then it is against *him*, as secular head of the state, and not against his *subject* and *instrument* the Daimio of Choisu, that war should be declared by the complaining powers. France and England may, of course, deem it not worth while to involve themselves in a war with such an empire as Japan, because of so small a matter as the navigation of the "Inland Sea." But if this is their view of the question, they had best give up all idea of enforcing the right claimed, and disband that fleet which they have assembled in the harbor of Kanagawa, since it is utterly unworthy of them to enter into a conflict with the Prince of NAGATO about a grievance which is most probably not of his own creation, but rather the result of the Tycoon's obstinacy and tergiversation.

Shall We Stand By the Soldiers?

We who remain at home have but little idea of what this war is. Its sufferings, its hardships, its toils, its dangers, come not upon us, but upon the soldiers in the field. Their knowledge upon these points, therefore, is far better than ours. And so it is as to what has been done in the war, and what remains yet to be done. Their appreciation of all that is difficult, all that calls for endurance and sacrifice, must be keener and more accurate than ours. And yet from them there comes no complaint, no cry of dissatisfaction or discouragement. If we could only bring the people who are at home up to the same plane of feeling which the soldiers occupy, what doubt could there be in any one's mind of the result?

The defunct Chicago platform declared the war to be not only an "experiment," but a failure. What say the soldiers on this point? Does not every one know that their voice is unanimous that it is neither? They have borne our conquering banner over too many miles of march with their faces toward the South; they have seen that flag replaced upon too many of those forts from which it was treacherously displaced when the rebellion broke out, to admit that there is any place for the word *failure* in connection with their work. On the contrary, they felt the charge as an insult—an insult to the living and an insult to the memories of their dead comrades. And their view is the same with reference to a "cessation of hostilities." They are in contact with the rebel forces; they feel how near those powers are to exhaustion, and how different are the circumstances now from what they were in the early stages of the rebellion. They feel the weakening of the rebel energies which we only hear of. They know by what they see, that the rebels have their last levies in the field; and they feel with a vividness which, perhaps, could hardly be expected from us, that to cease hostilities now, to relieve the rebels from the weight of that pressure which is slowly and steadily crushing them beneath it, would be an act of suicidal folly.

What patriot, what man, with even a spark of patriotism in his heart, can hesitate for a moment, whether to stand by the soldiers who are periling their lives for their country, and to strengthen the hands of those who insist that the war neither has been nor shall be a failure, but that by its means the authority of the Government shall be everywhere re-established.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 12.

SMUGGLING.

Rear Admiral PORTER, writing to the Navy Department from on board his flag-ship *Malvern*, in Hampton Roads, under date of Nov. 10, says: "Some days since I sent the United States steamer *Stepping Stones* up to Mobjack Bay to put a stop to the smuggling going on there. The *Stepping Stones* returned on the morning of the 10th, having in tow two vessels, the *Reliance* and *Little Elmer*, captured for attempting to run the blockade. These vessels had no contraband goods on board at the time of their capture, but they were evidently engaged in contraband, as their Captains could give no satisfactory account of themselves."

DEPREDATIONS BY GUERRILLAS.

Loudon County, Virginia, is overrun with guerrillas, who commit many depredations on peaceable citizens. Not along ago one hundred and fifty of them dashed across the Potomac River at Noland's Ferry, four miles east of Point of Rocks, reached the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, robbed some stores, houses, &c., and were in the act of tearing up the railroad and destroying the telegraph wires, when the Loudon Rangers sprang upon them and a warm engagement ensued. The Rangers lost one killed, two wounded and six prisoners in the running fight. The rebels buried four men in Leesburg and carried nine wounded with them through the town.

THE INJURIES TO HON. F. W. SEWARD.

The injuries received by Assistant Secretary of State SEWARD in a fall while on his way to Washington from Albany, on Thursday, are more serious than at first supposed, his right arm being painfully fractured just below the elbow.

GEN. M'CLELLAN'S RESIGNATION.

Nothing has yet been obtained from an official source to justify the positive assertion that Gen. MCCLELLAN'S resignation has been received, although such is believed to be the fact. It is a subject about which many inquiries have been made by correspondents of the press and others.

AN INTERESTING DECISION.

The District Court, to-day, decided a case of considerable interest. The suit was brought to recover the amount of three promissory notes of one thousand dollars each, made by ex Congressman THOMAS F. BOWIE, of Maryland, in 1857, payable to the order of one FRANKLIN STRAZE, from whom the plaintiff purchased the notes. The defence was that these notes were given for a saving consideration, and therefore void in the hands of even a *bona fide* holder for value. Chief-Justice CARTER delivered the opinion of the court, in which he said that BOWIE being intoxicated was irrational. In the case of insanity it would be perfectly competent to prove the idiosyncracies of the insane person when in that condition. Why not then when reduced to the condition of temporary mebriety? The notes were condemned by the law, and had no virtue in the hands of the gamblers. Therefore the Court decided in favor of the defendant.

Honors to Lieut. Cushing.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Saturday, Nov. 12.

Lieut. CUSHING, the hero of the *Albemarle* affair, was serenaded at the Syracuse House this evening. A large number of citizens joined in paying him a complimentary visit.

THE COMMERCIAL CONDITION OF ENGLAND, AND ITS FUTURE DANGER.

Commercial Convulsion in England—Contrasts with this Country—Its True Causes—Danger in the Future.

THE BANCAUS, November, 1864.

It is a very singular fact in the history of this period, that while the London *Times* and other organs of British opinion have been predicting terrible disasters, commercial and financial, to our country, in consequence of the war, those disasters should fall on England, while our monetary system is safe and stable. Never was a more signal illustration of the ignorance of most English people about this country, and of the flimsy and superficial acquaintance the British statesmen have with the true principles of political economy. And let me add, never was a more perfect explosion of the humbug that paper money is the cause of commercial difficulties. Here is England, boasting of her gold basis and her solid credit, shivering with the chill of a commercial panic, and in great danger of having her whole financial system go to pieces, while we, who are charged with having a bloated paper currency, and destroying the public wealth, are moving on uniformly and prosperously. I say prosperously in fact, not apparently only. Our financial operations are all within ourselves. Nineteen-twentieths of the cost of this war is paid to our own people. But very little of our property is destroyed. All the crops of the country are cultivated as well as usual. The industry of the country is in full activity. But the main and all-important difference between us and any other nation of the world, is that we are constantly receiving new additions of wealth from new sources, which no other country has. We are receiving able-bodied men from Europe by tens of thousands, and gold from the mines by tens of millions. Immense is the difference between a country which is receiving men and gold in fresh supplies, and those countries which are constantly losing them. This is the difference between us and Europe, and especially between us and England. France does not feel it so much, because she is not losing men and money.

Now, remembering this great fact, let us turn to the commercial condition of England. The English people and the English statesmen are very practical. The skill and integrity of British merchants and bankers are undoubted. But with all this, the English merchants seem never to have had clear views or settled principles of political economy. ADAM SMITH gave them some excellent lessons, and subsequent writers have added to the value of his work, but there is somewhere among the English a radical error about the sources of wealth and the profits of trade. I think I can show this so that any one can understand it, in the very case of the present commercial embarrassments of England. The English theory of wealth is precisely that of the cotton-planters of the South. They think that the increase of trade is neccessarily an increase of wealth, and that, consequently, the more we trade, the better. As taxes on imports tend to restrict trade—that is, foreign trade—they should ever be removed, and free trade adopted. This is the theory. It contains the fundamental fatal error, that the increase of trade is necessarily an increase of wealth. On the contrary, I lay down this principle, that the foreign trade of a country cannot be increased in a greater ratio than its productive industry, without endangering the whole commercial fabric, and ultimately occasioning, from time to time, the commercial convulsions which so frequently agitate both England and this country. France suffers much less, because France has a much better system of political economy. Money, no matter in what form it is, is not the cause of these convulsions; for money is not the substance, but the instrument of exchange. The great and fatal difficulty is the determination to extend commerce without any reference to the basis of commerce, which is productive industry. To illustrate this in a signal manner we find the British Chancellor of the Exchequer coming into Parliament and boasting how greatly their exports and imports had increased; that their commerce had never grown so rapidly, or was so flourishing. The London *Times* reiterates this, and shows a very beautiful statement of British commerce and British profits. Now, let us look at the commercial facts, and we shall see that there never was a greater delusion than this. First, we notice that in the cotton manufactories, one of the largest interests of England—a large part of the laborers were thrown out of employment, and the cost of raw material was fourfold; that the exportation of British iron to this country was reduced to one fourth, and that able-bodied men were leaving Great Britain by thousands. We then see at once there was no real increase of British industry. Both men and raw material were diminished. The best that could be said was, that industry, possibly, on the whole, kept its own. Secondly, we see that the increased import of cotton from India and Egypt involves an increased export of bullion. Then, for the last four years, British commerce, instead of having a larger basis of support, really had a far less safe and substantial basis than it had before. Now, let us note another fact. This is the state of the Bank of England. The Bank of England is, perhaps, the very best barometer of the true state of financial and commercial affairs in England. Mark the story it tells. Never before did the rate of interest at the Bank of England fluctuate so much, and never before did interest at the Bank rule so high. This was precisely the same indication as the pulse of a man in the bilious fever. The bulk of commercial exchanges was increasing, but it was stimulated by an artificial fever in all the branches of trade. The Bank of England has for months tried to keep down the fever, but it failed, and will fail, till England, whether now or in the future, has passed through terrible convulsions.

Now let us turn to another fact—the proof of how immense is the difficulty and danger which now beset England. Help the rebels! She cannot help herself. She is in the throes of a vast convulsion. The British Chancellor of the Exchequer stated the increased British commerce up to this year, but I have not the figures. But take the comparison from the first two years of our war. The imports and exports of the *four* years compared were:

	1859.	1863.
Imports	$640,000,000	$1,130,000,000
Exports	700,000,000	833,000,000
Bullion exported	100,000,000	147,000,000

It is just to say that the exports of gold in 1858 were less than in either year, and therefore the contrast is a little stronger than it should be. We find that in four years the imports of Great Britain increased two hundred and ninety millions, the exports one hundred and thirty-five millions, the average export of bullion twenty millions, and the apparent balance of trade against England near three hundred millions. In 1858 the export of bullion brought the balance of trade to so small a point that it was probably made up

by the profits of freights; but in 1862, after an export of one hundred and forty-seven millions in bullion, there still remained a balance of near one hundred and fifty millions against England. Now let the reader recollect that these figures went on increasing to the year 1864, when the British Ministry were boasting of their great trade and commerce, and you will see at once that the commerce of England was so bloated and feverish, and internally deranged, that a commercial crisis must ensue. England is not increasing in her industry, at least not beyond a small measure. Her commerce has, therefore, far exceeded the basis of its support.

In six years Great Britain *has exported eight hundred millions of dollars in gold and silver*, mainly to India and China. In the meantime, we have exported *about three hundred millions*. In fact, Great Britain, in carrying on this bloated and factitious commerce, has exported all the bullion we have exported, all that Australia furnished, and much more. As this tremendous drain goes on, the Bank of England, more and more alarmed, resorts to her device of raising the rate of interest to seven, eight, nine and ten per cent. It is in vain. She may retain her own solvency, but she cannot avert the tremendous crash to her commercial system which necessarily follows the inordinate pursuit of commerce in a country already tending to decay. With a Government and a political economy founded on false principles and false views, the whole system is artificial. From prince to peasant, everything is conducted on artificial fashions and habits. The present commercial revulsion may be a temporary one, but sooner or later there will be one vastly greater. No country can now take itself out of the great stream of revolution which is hurrying all events to the ultimate solution of grand problems in government, commerce and society.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

THE ELECTION.

THE RESULT IN NEW-YORK.

Union Majority in the State Over Nine Thousand.

The following table includes corrected returns from nearly every county in the State, and can be relied on:

	Lincoln.		McClellan.
Allegany	3,650	Albany	2,700
Broome	1,948	Clinton	50
Cattaraugus	2,200	Columbia	368
Cayuga	3,116	Erie	312
Chautauqua	4,764	Green	805
Chemung	250	Hamilton	300
Chenango	1,460	Kings	5,003
Cortland	2,000	Montgomery	250
Delaware	1,200	New-York	36,857
Dutchess	545	Putnam	400
Essex	1,040	Queens	1,030
Franklin	1,150	Rensselaer	116
Fulton	200	Richmond	1,310
Genesee	1,500	Rockland	845
Herkimer	915	Schenectady	53
Jefferson	2,790	Schoharie	1,922
Lewis	400	Seneca	595
Livingston	1,050	Sullivan	700
Madison	2,644	Ulster	911
Monroe	950	Westchester	1,577
Niagara	593		
Oneida	1,332		56,104
Orleans	1,120		
Orange	158		
Onondaga	2,800		
Ontario	1,447		
Oswego	2,550		
Otsego	600		
Saratoga	1,480		
Schuyler	683		
Suffolk	277		
Steuben	2,275		
St. Lawrence	7,000		
Tioga	765		
Tompkins	1,533		
Warren	244		
Washington	2,640		
Wayne	1,752		
Wyoming	1,579		
Yates	1,342		
Total	65,916		

Lincoln's majority thus far, 9,812.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

The Watertown *Reformer* gives incomplete returns from Jefferson County. Lincoln's majority is 2,790. The residue of the county cannot greatly change these figures.

LEWIS COUNTY.

A letter in the Utica *Morning Herald* gives the following returns from Lewis County—incomplete: Union majorities in seven towns, 945. One Union town to hear from which gave Depew 32 majority. Opposition majorities in five towns, 408. Three towns to hear from gave St. John 223 majority. This would indicate a majority of less than 400.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY.

Lincoln has 1,045 majority in Livingston County, and Fenton 50 or 60 more.

OSWEGO COUNTY.

The *Commercial Times* declared Lincoln's majority to be 2,522. The town of Boylestown is yet to hear from, which gave Depew 72, and Wadsworth 27 majority.

SARATOGA COUNTY.

The *Saratogian* declares Lincoln's majority in Saratoga County, with three towns to hear from, to be 1,163. This indicates 1,200 Union majority. Geo. W. Chapman, opposition, has 15 majority for the Assembly, in the First District; and Edward Edwards, Union, 1,273 in the Second.

ALLEGANY COUNTY.

PHILLIPSVILLE, Saturday, Nov. 12.

Allegany County complete, 3,650 Union majority.

HAMILTON WARD.

Illinois—34,000 Union Majority.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Nov. 12.

The Evening *Journal* has returns from all but four small counties of Illinois, which foot up a majority for LINCOLN of 34,000. The Republicans will have a majority of 18 on joint ballot in the Legislature. They have also elected 11 Congressmen out of 14, which is a gain of 6. The same paper has assurances that all the Republican Congressmen are elected in Iowa.

Maine gives Lincoln 18,000 Majority on the Home Vote.

AUGUSTA, ME., Saturday, Nov. 12.

Two hundred and twenty-five towns give LINCOLN 47,823; MCCLELLAN 30,297. The same towns in September gave CONY 45,618; HOWARD 30,116. The remainder of the State will not vary materially this majority, as the 30,000 votes yet to be heard from are about equally divided between the two parties. Lincoln's majority will be nearly 18,000 on the home vote, with 5,000 to 7,000 additional on the soldiers' vote.

The Pacific Coast for the Union—California, Oregon and Nevada.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Saturday, Nov. 12.

Dispatches from the Pacific Coast, dated the 9th instant, are received.

St. Joseph papers say that San Francisco gives LINCOLN 5,000 majority, and it is estimated that California will give LINCOLN 25,000 majority. Oregon and Nevada are also claimed for LINCOLN by 2,000 majority.

Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURGH, Penn., Saturday, Nov. 12.

Estimates made here from reliable sources put the State at between 8,000 and 10,000 majority for LINCOLN.

North Branch Mills and Woolen Factory Burnt.

LONDON, C. W., Saturday, Nov. 12.

The North Branch Mills and woolen factory were burned last night. Loss $12,000; mostly insured.

FIVE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

THE NOVA SCOTIAN OFF CAPE RACE.

News of the Capture of the Florida in England.

Fierce Denunciations by the Anglo-Rebel Press.

Wreck of the Steamship Jura.

CAPE RACE, Saturday, Nov. 12.

The steamship *Nova Scotia*, from Liverpool on the 3d, via Londonderry on the 4th instant, has passed this point en route to Quebec. Her dates are five days later than those already received.

The steamship *Kangaroo*, from New-York, arrived at Liverpool on the 2d instant.

The steamship *Edinburgh*, from New-York, arrived at Liverpool on the 3d instant.

The steamship *Jura*, from Quebec, arrived off the mouth of the River Mersey on the 1st instant, where she ran ashore, parted amidships and became a wreck. Her mails, passengers and crew were landed in safety.

The Liverpool Cotton Market opened with an advancing tendency, but closed with a declining one.

Breadstuffs were steady.

Provisions were quiet and steady.

Consols for Money, 89¾.

The steamship *Borussia*, for New-York, had put back to Southampton, with her propeller broken. She will proceed on her voyage after a new one has been fitted.

It was stated that the steamer *Laurel*, from Liverpool, had transferred a crew, arms and ammunition, to the steamer *New Alabama*, off Madeira.

The *Index*, the Confederate organ in London, had given the particulars of the capture of the *Florida*, in the harbor of Bahia, by the *Kearsarge* and *Wachusett*.

The London *Herald* editorially denounces the capture of the *Florida* in indignant terms.

The London *Times* says that the capture of the *Florida*, in the harbor of a friendly State, was an act of simple piracy. When within a neutral port, she should have been perfectly safe from molestation.

The *Herald* says that if the Washington Government does not release the *Florida*, all the maritime Powers have the right to interfere in the matter.

FROM THE PACIFIC COAST.

Arrival of the Steamship Golden Rule from Greytown.

The steamship *Golden Rule*, D. S. BABCOCK, commanding, from Greytown, 5th inst., six days and nineteen hours, with specie, mails and passengers to the Central American Transit Company, arrived here yesterday.

Nov. 11, 2:20 P. M., Hatteras bearing N. W. 35 miles, spoke propeller *Gen. Sherman*, from New-Orleans, bound to New-York.

SPECIE LIST.

Central American Transit Company.....$32,788 96

FROM GEN. GRANT.

He Congratulates the President on His Double Victory.

CITY POINT, Nov. 10—10:30 P. M.

Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Enough now seems to be known to say who is to hold the reins of the Government for the next four years.

Congratulate the President for me for the double victory.

The election having passed off quietly, no bloodshed or riot throughout the land, is a victory worth more to the country than a battle won.

Rebeldom and Europe will construe it so.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant-General.

The Efficiency of the Army.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday, Nov. 12.

It is officially announced that the efficiency of the army in the field requires the furloughs of all regimental officers and enlisted men fit for duty, shall terminate on the 14th inst.

Provost-Marshals are required to take measures to have such officers and soldiers returned to their proper commands.

Sunday Services—The "Anthon Memorial."

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The former pastor of this church, Rev. EDWARD ANTHON, son of the late Rev. HENRY ANTHON, to whose memory it was dedicated, has been compelled, in consequence of ill health, to resign his pastoral care, and tarry longer in a climate less changeable and of a milder temperature. During his absence, and previous to his announced resignation, the pulpit was filled by Rev. Dr. PRATT, who watched over and guided his flock with a father's care. Duty calling him elsewhere, a younger, but a no less firm and fervent servant of the Lord, holds up the cross to which we all must cling for joy beyond this life, Rev. THOMAS A. JAGGAR. It was my pleasure to listen to him for nearly a year in a little country parish, from which he has lately removed, and where he was loved, respected and appreciated by all the members of his congregation. The little church flourished under his care, and the Sunday School echoed by its good works the blessings he had bestowed upon it. How anxiously all the little girls and boys looked forward to the Sunday afternoon (*monthly*) services, when their dear pastor would talk to *them*—always seeming happy and smiling when he finished, appearing deeply appreciative of his untiring efforts in their behalf, when through rain and snow he journeyed to meet them, frequently quite unwell, but unwilling to be absent from his little nursery, where every child, rich or poor, in the humble or higher walks of life, looked for and received his fatherly care, ever ready to say, "Not as I will, but as Thou will"—"*Thy* will be done!" Upon removing from that parish, the only regret I heard expressed by two little members of my family was, "How shall we leave the Sunday school and our dear pastor?" On Sunday last, Mr. JAGGAR entered upon his new duties at the "Anthon Memorial." The services were eloquent, yet most touching and godlike in their simplicity, full of good promises—a word for all. The text, selected from the 13th chapter St. Mark, 34th verse, "For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants and to every man his work, and commanded his porter to watch," was most appropriate in the selection and ably delivered. The afternoon services were devoted to the children of the Sunday School, who gave evidence by their attention that they were interested; and we hope they will try and alleviate the sorrow their pastor experienced at leaving his little flock, by showing on all occasions their love, obedience and attention to his wishes. It will not be long, I am sure, before he will listen to the pleasing and satisfying words, "We are all glad you have come."

K. C. B.

Our Mamalukes—Letter of a Cavalryman.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

BEFORE RICHMOND, Monday, Oct. 31.

Hurrah for a trooper's life,
Its wild alarms and wilder strife,
Its sabre stroke and carbine crack,
Its careless ease of bivouac.

Years ago Europe looked across the miles of waves that toss between us, and wondered at our marvellous prosperity; wondered that our experiment of self-government, so antagonistic to all her Old World notions, should have developed so successfully. Steadily, surely we had progressed until the right to be considered one of the great powers seemed but the preliminary to a necessity of acknowledging us the greatest. Whether Europe considered this young giant of the West something to be feared; whether Europe, observing the little sectional disagreements that pervaded our Governments councils, made her influence felt to bring about the crisis that has since expanded into our terrible present, let history and the future demonstrate.

The American people, in all the peaceful outlets of energy, had seemingly exhausted invention. War, sane purely on the defensive, was certainly not considered our specialty. We felt our power, but few had ever given thought as to how that power could be used belligerently. We were eminently a peaceful and commercial people.

Now we do understand war far better, in a broader, grander, more terrific sense than any nation has yet schooled itself to.

The same wonderous energy that had made the Republic first in almost all the peaceful paths, has exhibited itself in the gigantic struggle between opposing American elements—almost invincible infantry, artillery that has nearly exhausted science in its perfection, cavalry that challenges the world's admiration.

Who has not heard of Balaclava. "It is magnificent, but it is not war," cried the admiring French General. What, then, would his exclamation be could he *safely* see the constant, wild, daring, successful charges of *our* Mamalukes, on foes too, whose stubborn, desperate opposition ranks them among the first soldiers of the world?

The Pyramids towered o'er the repeated splendid charges of the thousands of old Egypt's trained horsemen, thundering in useless daring against NAPOLEON'S iron squares. KLEBER met and hurled back the terrific dash of the ten thousand Mameluke horsemen, but the Republic has created an invincible Mameluke corps, whom no terror can check, no suffering or exposure dispirit.

We ride no thoroughbreds, trained and practiced in the *ménage*. Our horses, like ourselves, are of every size and temperament, but the wild shout once given, the heavy spur sent home, the terrible sabre in air, then like the mountain glacier we sweep through all apposing squadrons, irresistible, unconquerable. Hurrah! then, for *our* Mamelukes. They have truly become an institution—the most terrible means of destruction that the Republic hurls against treason.

G. M. R.

RECEPTION TO GOLDWIN SMITH.

A Breakfast Given Him by the Union League Club.

Professor GOLDWIN SMITH, who has gained such popularity in this country by the strong support he gave our cause in England, was entertained yesterday morning at the rooms of the Union League Club by a large number of our most prominent citizens. An elegant breakfast was served in his honor. Among the persons present were Major-Gen. Butler, Bishop Potter, Professor H. B. Smith, John C. Hamilton, Prof. J. W. Dwight, Charles Butler, Dr. Willard Parker, Henry Ward Beecher, John Jay, Prof. Draper, George Bancroft, Rev. Drs. Coxe and Osgood, W. J. Hoppin, Dr. Francis Lieber, George T. Strong, William C. Bryant, George Griswold, William Allen Butler, Dr. Horace Webster, S. B. Ruggles, John A. Stevens, ex-Gov. Morgan, Jonathan Sturges, A. A. Low, John C. Green, William H. Webb, President Barnard, C. P. Kirkland, Dr. Bellows, H. J. Raymond, Col. McKaye, G. W. Curtis, Parke Godwin, Wm. M. Evarts, Rev. Dr. Prentiss, W. T. Blodgett, Chas. H. Marshall, Peter Cooper, Rev. Dr. Ferris, Wm. E. Dodge, Prof. Vincenzo Botta and others, about seventy in all, representing nearly every profession and the best classes of society in this country, particularly the literary, commercial and benevolent institutions.

Ten o'clock was the hour appointed for the breakfast. Before that hour many had assembled in the reception rooms, and after some little time had been passed in social intercourse, they proceeded to the library, where they were introduced to Prof. SMITH, and about 10½ o'clock the company sat down to breakfast.

Mr. CHARLES BUTLER presided. At his right, Prof. SMITH was seated, and at his left, Gen. BUTLER. At the conclusion of the breakfast, the welcoming address to Prof. SMITH, on behalf of the company, was delivered by Mr. JOHN JAY.

MR. JAY'S ADDRESS.

Professor Goldwin Smith:

On behalf of the gentlemen here assembled, representing in some degree the Religion and Law, the Science and Arts, the Commerce and Industry of America, I have the honor to offer you a cordial welcome to New-York.

You have come, Sir, to view our country and its institutions, at the most critical period of our history. Whatever doubts may have been entertained at the commencement of our struggle—and doubts were entertained by others than yourself on both sides of the Atlantic—in regard to the issue involved, these doubts are in a great measure solved. The fact that the United States have become the battle-ground of freedom for the world, is now recognized by enlightened and generous minds on both continents, and the advocates everywhere of exclusive privilege have arrayed themselves on the side of the Slave Power.

In England, your colaborers, Cobden and Bright, Cairnes and Mill and Foster, have all spoken as became the countrymen of John Milton. In France, the names of Laboulaye, de Gasparin, Henri Martin, Augustin Cochin, and Auguste Laugel—and M. Laugel's presence to-day adds interest to this festival in your honor—will be remembered among those who, with the philosophic spirit of DE TOCQUEVILLE, have read aright the American problem.

But no publicist of England or of the continent has in this contest met and refuted more antagonists than yourself when, in your letter to a Whig member of the Southern Independence Association, you exposed the hollowness of the grounds on which the influential noblemen, gentlemen and traders thus associated together, were attempting to make 'England an accomplice,' to quote your own words, 'in the creation of a great slave empire, and in its future extension from the grave of WASHINGTON to the halls of MONTEZUMA.'

It is an auspicious omen for England that wise counsels at such a moment should have come from the University of Oxford, which for eight hundred years has exerted so marked an influence upon the character of British statesmen, and through them upon the destinies of Europe; that ancient and honorable University which flourished centuries before COLUMBUS discovered America, or LAS CASAS, in his blind benevolence, inaugurated the system of slavery, whose dying agonies now convulse this continent and send a shudder through the heart of Christendom. In coming ages the students of Oxford will remember with pride that it was her 'Regius Professor of modern history' who, amid the strife of parties and the anarchy of morals, reminded the English people of the lessons taught them by the past—recalling maxims of law which her judges had forgotten, principles of justice which her statesmen had ignored, and international duties upon which sympathizers with slavery-propagandists had been allowed to trample. They will remember that he warned those gentlemen of the Nemesis that would avenge the outrages they meditated on a friendly people, and thus assisted to prevent England from rushing into a war which, for the depth of its infamy, would have had no parallel in history. While your country is saved from so great a calamity, and in that regard the honor of your Government is maintained, and the peace of two nations, who ought to be fast friends, is preserved unbroken, you have assured us, and we shall hail the assurance with satisfaction, that 'the malignity which finds its organ in the London *Times*, was that of a party, and not of the English people.'

In return we can assure you that the sympathy with slavery and rebellion which you find in New-York, however disguised under the name of Democracy, now allied to the enemies of reform in England, soliciting from Lord LYONS foreign intervention, to assist in the dismemberment of our country, and venturing to insinuate at home that we may be glad to exchange a popular Government for the 'acceptable refuge' of 'an imperial despotism'—we can assure you that these are the sentiments of a faction which has been repudiated by the American people. But you need not our assurance on this point. You already appreciate the fact that this war is no strife between different sections, nor differing peoples, nor a struggle merely for national life, however preëminent is the great issue; but that it is a struggle of antagonistic forces—of the defenders of freedom against the upholders of slavery—of popular Government against military and aristocratic despotism.

The speaker then alluded to the late Presidential canvass as follows:

"The alliance between the Democratic allies of the slave power in America and its aristocratic allies in Europe, was conspicuous in the recent Presidental canvass. That election occurring in so vast a territory, amid a civil war without a precedent or a parallel, will teach the world that the strength of a government which is based upon the will of an intelligent and free people has hitherto been underrated, even by its friends. It will teach them that no weak desire for repose, no unmanly shrinking from any sacrifice of life or treasure demanded by truth and honor and justice, will ever permit the American people to offer concession or compromise to enemies, who seek by violence and fraud to subvert our constitution, to divide our country, and to overthrow our liberties. It will make them understand at once that this nation has resolved that the war is just, and that it shall be prosecuted to the end, for national union and popular sovereignty, with the near prospect of universal freedom.

The significance of this resolve will be felt in every cabinet of Europe, and by every philosophic statesman, and we doubt not that your associates and yourself will make its meaning clear to the people of Great Britain, and that all thought of the possibility of destroying the sentiment of American nationality, or of inducing the nation to consent to the dismemberment of the Republic, will be forthwith and forever abandoned.

Alluding to the question of the future relations of America and Europe, Mr. JAY contended that the grave causes of prejudice and dislike on our part will vanish with the extinction of slavery and the last dominion which it naturally engendered, and remarked, in conclusion:

"Closing these remarks, I beg leave to observe that we do not welcome you, Sir, to America merely as the Regius Professor of modern history at Oxford, nor even for what England and America already owe you, nor for what they confidently expect from you; but we cordially greet you as a friend and an associate of the friends of liberty throughout the world."

At the conclusion of the address of Mr. JAY, Professor SMITH responded. Before he began the company rose to their feet and gave him an impressive welcome. His remarks were eloquent and extremely interesting. They received great applause throughout.

Letters from President LINCOLN and Secretary FREDERICK were then read, and WILLIAM M. EVARTS was called upon by the chair, and made a speech. He was followed by Gen. Butler, Rev. Dr. Coxe, George Bancroft, George William Curtis, Auguste Laugel, Professor Botta, Dr. Thompson, A. A. Lowe, Parke Godwin, Rev. Dr. Bellows, Charles King, S. B. Ruggles, Peter Cooper, Rev. Mr. Putnam, William E. Dodge, Rev. Dr. Osgood, and Jonathan Sturges.

During the proceedings letters from Gen. Halleck, Attorney Gen. Bates, Gen. Dix, Edward Everett, W. M. Meredith, Professor Tayler Lewis, and others, who could not be present, were read.

Shocking Murder in Rose-street.

A MAN SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD AND INSTANTLY KILLED—THE MURDERER COMMITTED TO THE TOMBS TO AWAIT HIS TRIAL.

At an early hour yesterday morning, a shocking murder was perpetrated in a lager beer saloon in the basement of No. 55 Rose-street. It seems that two Germans residing in the rear of that number, named GEORGE NICKEL and LOUIS SCHLYECK, went out on Friday evening for the purpose of enjoying themselves in an innocent way by partaking of lager and in pleasant conversation. They went into one or two saloons, where, it would seem, they partook somewhat freely of the German beverage. At a late hour they returned home. When opposite their dwellings, they concluded to go into the front basement of No. 55 and have one more glass. They did so, and, as appears by the following testimony, taken yesterday by Coroner NAUMANN on the inquest, they had been inside but a few moments when the man behind the bar, named CHARLES P. ENGSTRON, drew a pistol from beneath the counter and instantly fired at NICKEL. The ball entered just on the right side of his nose, passed through the centre of his brain and came out at the back part of his skull. NICKEL fell to the floor and died almost instantly. It will be seen by the testimony of deceased's friend that at this time no word had passed between deceased and the barkeeper, and that the shooting was entirely unprovoked. We give the testimony as follows:

Louis Schlyeck, residing in the rear of No. 55 Rose-street, testified: Deceased was an acquaintance of mine; he came to see me in a lager beer saloon, at No. 27 Hudson street, at about 8 o'clock; we left there a little before 12 o'clock to go home; when we arrived at No. 55 Rose street he proposed to go into the saloon there; we went in; deceased gave me a dollar and asked me to change it, which I did; he laid the dollar bill on the counter, and I laid the change there also; deceased took both the change and the bill from the counter, and at that instant the prisoner shot the deceased; there were no words passed between the two; not one word; we were somewhat under the influence of liquor; the prisoner got the pistol from behind the counter and fired it immediately afterward; I did not know who he intended to shoot when he took the pistol; immediately afterward I called for the police; the prisoner ran out into the yard, and took the pistol with him; I don't know whether they had trouble together before, or not; I was never in that saloon before.

Elizabeth Nickel, residing at No. 55 Rose street, testified—Deceased was my husband; he was a cigar-maker, and has lived here but three months; about half-past six o'clock last night he left home to visit a friend; I watched for him till twelve o'clock; at that time I heard a cry of watch; I ran out of my house and then into the lager-beer saloon in the basement of the front house; I saw deceased lying on the floor in front of the counter; blood was spirting from his face; at the same time I saw the prisoner come from behind the bar with a pistol in his hand; he threw away the pistol and ran into the yard; the body was afterward removed by the Police.

John L. Flynn testified—I am a Policeman of the Fourth Precinct; about two o'clock this morning I was patrolling my beat in Duane-street near William; I heard the faint report of a pistol and afterward cries of murder; I ran toward Rose-street, when I saw Schlyeck; he cried out to me "Police, murder;" I went to No. 55 Rose-street, where I saw deceased lying on the floor dead; everybody was in such a state of excitement that I could learn nothing at first, but afterward the witness Butler told me that the prisoner had shot deceased, and had then gone in the yard; I went there and found him standing in a corner behind the fence; I took hold of him and brought him out; he made no resistance; other officers had in the meantime come in; one of them found a pistol (the one now shown,) behind the bar; I smelt it and found it had shortly before been discharged; I took the prisoner to the station-house; the body of deceased was also removed there.

Margaret Butler, residing at No. 55 Rose-street, testified that she boarded with the prisoner; she was in the saloon when deceased and the witness Schlyeck came in together, at about 1½ o'clock Saturday morning; they had three or four drinks; Schlyeck put down the money to pay for the drinks; deceased took up the money and held it in his hand; prisoner demanded the money of deceased; the latter replied with an oath that he would not pay for them, and on this the prisoner fired the pistol; after he fired it he went into the yard.

Deputy Coroner WOOSTER BEACH, M. D., made a post-mortem examination of the body, and found that the ball had entered at the right side of the nose, passing directly through the brain, and escaping through the skull at the back part of the head. In the opinion of the Doctor, death must have been nearly instantaneous.

At the conclusion of the testimony the jury rendered the following verdict:

"We find that GEORGE NICKEL came to his death by a pistol shot wound at the hands of CHARLES P. ENGSTRON, the prisoner, on the 12th day of November, 1864. We further believe the deed to be one of willful, unprovoked and deliberate murder."

Upon the rendition of this verdict the accused was committed to the Tombs by the Coroner, to await the further action of the authorities.

The deceased was 42 years of age, a native of Germany, and resided at No. 55 Rose-street, where he has left a wife.

The Mercantile Library.

LECTURE BY JOHN B. GOUGH.

On Thursday evening last, at the Academy of Music, JOHN B. GOUGH delivered his new lecture, *Fact and Fiction*, before the Mercantile Library Association. The Academy was literally packed, and with the *élite* of New-York, rarely does it ever look more brilliant, even on opera nights. Every seat was taken, and all the best ones were secured several days before the lecture was delivered. At 8 o'clock the speaker was introduced to the audience by Mr.—THEODORE H. VULTEE, President of the Mercantile Library Association. Mr. GOUGH's new lecture is a very creditable and entertaining one; many of his hits at the follies of the age were very amusing and very well made, and called forth bursts of laughter and applause from the audience. His patriotic allusions, his praise of GRANT, SHERMAN, FARRAGUT and SHERIDAN, and the expression of his earnest wishes for the welfare of his country, were received with the greatest enthusiasm. At the close of his lecture three hearty cheers were given for LINCOLN and JOHNSON, after which the audience dispersed.

The Mercantile Library has of late years become one of the great institutions of our city. During the past year, under the able and judicious management of its President, Mr. VULTEE, it has become more popular than ever before. New books are promptly received as soon as published, and in sufficient numbers to meet the demands of the subscribers. Courteous and competent librarians and their assistants are in constant attendance, and no trouble nor difficulty is experienced in getting any book called for. The reading rooms are very pleasant, and the various newspapers, both foreign and domestic, are conveniently and systematically arranged. New members are being received at the rate of from three to four hundred a month, and everything seems to indicate that the success of the library is to be even greater in the future than it has been in the past.

Meeting of Master Bakers at the Astor House.

At a meeting of master bakers, held at the Astor House last evening, for the purpose of aiding our patriotic citizens in getting up a Thanksgiving dinner for our brave soldiers in the field, it was resolved that the master bakers and hotel keepers be requested to meet at the Astor House, room No. 14, on Monday evening, the 14th inst., at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of coöperating in roasting all the poultry that may be wanted for the soldiers' Thanksgiving dinner.

The meeting was convened under the auspices of the Loyal League Club, under call of their Committee, Messrs. ALEX. STETSON, LORENZO DELMONICO and JAMES KELLEY. Among the well known master bakers of the City, were present the following gentlemen of the trade: James Pecock, President; Hugh Taylor, Secretary; Paul S. Brown & Son, Waiderch & Son, John Crawford, James Purcell, John Hawes, Andrew Simpson.

The meeting adjourned, after passing a resolution to the effect that the master bakers of the City will roast, gratuitously, all poultry sent to their respective establishments by families interested in their noble and patriotic entegprise.

SERENADE TO A LOYALIST.—Quite an interesting event took place on Thursday evening, in front of the residence of Mr. JOHN MASSMAN, 37th street, The occasion was a serenade given to Mr. CHARLES C. KING, of the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., brother-in-law of Mr. MASSMAN. The friends of Mr. KING, hearing of his arrival in the city, and desirous of expressing some mark of their esteem, took this method of doing it. After several beautiful airs from DODWORTH'S celebrated band, Mr. KING was called out, and in response to a call for a speech, said he came to the City of New-York to assist in electing the LINCOLN and JOHNSON electoral ticket, and predicted that four years more of the rule of the present Administration would restore peace and harmony to the country. He also uttered some severe remarks on the traitorous acts of Gov. SEYMOUR, and congratulated his listeners on the elevation of REUBEN E. FENTON to the gubernatorial chair of the Empire State. In conclusion, Mr. KING thanked them for this flattering evidence of their regard, and retired amid vociferous applause from the assemblage.

FATAL RESULT IN THE DELANCEY-STREET STABBING CASE.—Coroner COLLIN was notified yesterday to hold an inquest on the body of CHARLES DALTON, the young man who was reported in yesterday TIMES as having been stabbed the night previous, and who subsequently died at the New-York Hospital. Deceased was returning from the New Bowery Theatre, and approached a crowd of men in Delancey-street to see what the disturbance was. While looking on an unknown man came out of the crowd and stabbed him in the abdomen, inflicting a wound, of which he died. He resided at No. 61 Delancey-street, and was 23 years of age.

ARREST FOR SHOOTING WITH INTENT TO KILL.—A man named SYDNEY BOYKIN was arrested by Officer MCGRADE, charged with shooting a man named CHAS. MILLER, some five weeks ago, and destroying his eye. BOYKIN made his escape at the time of the difficulty, but having ventured back again into the city has been arrested. He was taken before Justice DOWLING and committed in default of $3,000 bail.

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MARRIED.

WALKER—WILSON.—On Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Broome-st. Baptist Church, by Rev. Dr. Anderson, CHARLES WALKER, of Hartford, Conn., and LOUISA A. WILSON, of this city.

DIED.

CURTIS.—In this city, suddenly, on Friday, Nov. 11, EDWIN CURTIS, in the 66th year of his age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, the 13th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., from his late residence, No. 146 West 40th-st., without further notice.

LEE.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, Nov. 11, GILBERT S. LEE, only son of Jos R. and Mary Jane Lee, aged 8 years, 11 months and 5 days.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, this (Sunday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 74 Hoyt-st.

MINTURN.—On Friday morning, Nov. 11, ANNA ASPINWALL, infant daughter of John W. and Louisa Minturn.

MOORE.—On Saturday morning, Nov. 12, at his residence, No. 124 Railroad-av., Jersey City, WILLIAM MOORE, aged 64 years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends of his family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the Union Baptist Church, Grove-st., this day, (Sunday,) Nov. 13, at 1 o'clock P. M.

RANGES.—On Saturday morning, Nov. 12, APOLLONIA, wife of John Ranges.

Particulars of funeral in Monday's papers.

SHANDLEY.—After a short illness, of hemorrhage of the lungs, THOMAS J. SHANDLEY, aged 26 years.

The friends and acquaintances of the family, and those of his father and his brothers Michael and Edward J., are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Monday, the 14th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., from St. Mary's Church, where a Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul.

WIGGIN.—On Saturday, Nov. 12, after a lingering illness, MARGARET L. WIGGIN, daughter of J. R. Wiggin, Esq., Greenpoint, Long Island, N. Y.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

NEW-YORK PORT SOCIETY'S MARINERS' CHURCHES.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. D. MURPHY, on SUNDAY, 13th inst., corner Catharine and Madison sts., at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M. Also, by the pastor, Rev. A. G. CHAMBERS, corner of Madison and Gouverneur sts., at 10½ A. M., and 3½ P. M., and preaching by Rev. Mr. BURNETT, corner Dover and Water sts., at 3 P. M. All seats free.

CHANGE OF SERVICE AT THE STRONG-PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKLYN—from AFTERNOON preaching to an EVENING preaching. Service at 7½ o'clock. THIS EVENING (the second Sabbath in the month, usually observed as a Sabbath School concert) a sermon will be preached by Rev. E. T. BIDDOCK, D.D., of New-York, and the Sunday School, occupying the galleries, will sing Sunday School hymns. All are invited to attend.

GREENE-ST. M. E. CHURCH, BETWEEN Broome and Spring sts., on SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Rev. E. ADAMS, of Concord, New-Hampshire, will preach the annual missionary sermon. At 2 o'clock P. M. the Sunday School will be addressed by Revs. E. ADAMS and Dr. HOBART, of Iowa. At 7½ o'clock a missionary meeting will be held and addresses delivered by Revs. Dr. HOBART and E. ADAMS.

THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, will

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Sales at the Stock Exchange—Nov. 12, 1864.

1,000 U. S. 6s, '67	123	50 Erie Railway	102
1,500 U. S. 6s, '81	107⅝	200 do	102⅛
1,000 do	107⅝	500 do	102⅛
9,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C	101⅝	100 do	102⅜
1,000 do new Iss.	101¼	1000 do	102⅜
1,000 U. S. 10-40s, C	94⅛	100 do	102⅜
6,000 Treas. N. 7 3-10s, Apr. & Oct.	110	50 Hud. Riv. R.	121⅜
1,000 do	109⅛	200 do	121⅜
1,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. Cer.	96⅜	500 do	121⅜
2,000 Mo. State 6s	61	1000 Reading R.	137
1,000 Mo. State 6s, iss. to Pac. R.	67	200 do	137⅛
1,500 Cal. St. 7s	105	460 do	136⅜
2,000 O. & M. Cer.	40⅜	50 Mich. Cen. R.	122⅜
1,000 do	40	100 M. S. & N. I.	75
1,000 Dl. Lac & W. 1st M.	97	1000 do	74⅜
3,000 Erie 2d M. Bs.	117	200 do	74⅜
1,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s	108	250 Ill. Cen. R.	128⅜
1,000 Erie 1st M. Bs	106	200 Cle. & Pitts	104⅜
1,000 Mich. C. & C. old	125	300 do	104⅜
2,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	25 Cle., Col. & Cin R.	170
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	400 Chi. & N. W.	44⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	200 do	44⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	1000 do	44⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 Chi. & N. W. Pref.	83
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	700 do	82⅝
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 do	82⅝
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 Cleve. & Tol.	113
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	200 do	113⅛
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	50 Chi. & R. I. R.	106
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	500 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	600 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	200 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	200 Mil. & P. Du C.	63
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	350 P., Ft. W. & C.	105
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	300 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 do	105⅜
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 Al. & T. H.	85
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 Alt. & T. H. Pref.	76
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 do	76
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 Chic. & Alt. R.	90
5,000 Mich. So. & N. Ind.	108⅜	100 Copake Iron M.	3⅜

OPEN BOARD—1½ P. M.

135,000 O. & M. Cer.	41	500 Ch. & R. I. R.	106⅜
2,000 do	41	50 do	106⅜
100 Erie R.	102	300 do	106⅜
200 do	102⅛	300 do	106⅜
200 do	102⅛	300 do	106⅜
100 do	102⅛	300 do	107
100 Hud. Riv. R.	122⅛	100 do	106⅞
100 do	122	100 do	107
200 do	122⅛	100 Chic. & N. W. R.	45⅛
100 M. S. & N. I. R.	75⅛	500 do	45⅜
400 do	75	200 do	45⅜
100 do	75⅛	100 do	45⅜
100 do	75⅛	100 do	45⅜
100 do	75⅛	200 do	45⅜
100 do	75⅜	500 Chi. & N. W. Pr.	83⅜
300 do	75⅜	100 do	83⅜
100 do	75⅜	100 do	83⅜
100 do	75⅜	200 P., Ft. W. & C.	107⅜
100 do	75⅜	300 do	107⅜
200 Clev. & Pitts	105⅜	100 do	107⅜
300 Cleve. & Tol.	114	100 do	107⅜
300 Mav. Mis. Co.	38	100 Cum. Coal	52⅜
300 do	37⅜	100 do	52⅜
100 do	37⅜		

SATURDAY, Nov. 12—P. M.

The Gold Room was comparatively steady to-day. The sales through the forenoon ranged 245@243@244½@243½ ₱ cent. The export by this day's steamers for Europe amounted to $1,086,187, making, for the week, $1,219,280.

The Stock Exchange was again firm on the Government Stocks, and a large business was done in 5-20s and in Treasury Certificates. On the Railway list the market was tame at the First (and only Saturday) Board, and prices ½@1 ₱ cent. lower than on Friday, except on Rock Island and Fort Wayne. After the Board, there was rather a firmer feeling on the Street. The following prices were made as compared with Friday afternoon, the general market leaving off steady:

	Frid.	Sat.		Frid.	Sat.
U. S. 6s, 1881	107⅝	107⅞	Mich. Southern	74⅝	75⅜
U. S. 5-20's	101⅜	101⅝	Illinois Cen	128⅜	128⅜
N. Y. Central	125	126⅛	Pittsburgh	104⅜	105⅜
Erie	102¼	103⅛	Fort Wayne	106⅜	107⅜
Erie Preferred	106⅜	108⅜	Rock Island	105	107
Hudson	122⅜	122⅝	Reading	137⅜	137⅜
Canton	38	38½	Quicksilver	84⅜	86⅜
Treas. Cer., new	96⅜	95⅜	Cum'land Coal	51⅜	52⅜
Northwest	45⅛	46⅜	Mariposa	38	37⅜
Ohio & M. Certs	41⅛	41⅜	N. West Pref	83	83¼

The following bids were made to-day for the City Bank Stocks:

Merchants'	110	Shoe and Leather	99
America	137	Corn Exchange	104
Phenix	100	Continental	99
North River	110	Commonwealth	101
Bank of the Republic	100	Import. & Traders'	103
Bank of No. Amer.	101	Park	137
Hanover	103	Central National	100
Metropolitan	114	Fourth National	94

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	117	Al. & T. H. 2ds, Income	80
N. Y. Cen. con. '76	120	Chi. & N. W. 1sts	96
Erie 2ds, '79	117	Chi. & N. W. Bds	90
Erie 3ds, '83	117	Del., L. & W. 1sts	114
Erie 6ths, '80	111	Del. L. & W. 2ds	115
Erie 5ths, '88	111	Tol. & Wab. 2ds	83
Buff., N. Y. & E., '77	107	Mil. & P. du Ch	113
Bud. R. 1sts, '69	107	Chi. & R. I. 1sts	105
Hudson R. 2ds S. F., '85	109	Chic. & Tol. S. F	108
Harlem 2ds, '64	102⅜	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 1sts	117
Mich. Cen., '69 and '72	105	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. Ds	103¾
Mich. Cen., New, 1st	130	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 3ds	93
N. I. G. Line	100	Chic. & Ft. W. 6ths	83
Mich. S. & N. Ind. S. F.	108	Chi. & Alt. 1sts	105
Illinois Cen.	117	Chi. & Alt. S. F.	100
Alt. & T. H. 2ds, Pref.	88	Alt. & G. W.	96

The *Commercial* of this afternoon says:

"Visitors to the evening Stock and Gold Exchange will be interested to learn that the large premises on the corner of Broadway and Twenty-third-street will be opened this evening for the purpose of stock transactions. The room will accommodate fifteen hundred persons, and possesses telegraphic and all other requisite facilities for the transaction of business. No admission fee is charged."

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, was as follows: Total receipts, $483,658 23, including for Customs, $125,000; Payments, $1,812,092 15; Balance, $30,104,583 48.

A Letter from Col. Byrne.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD CAVALRY BRIGADE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,
THIBODAUX, La., Friday, Oct. 7, 1864.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your semi-weekly edition of the 9th September, under the heading of "From New-Orleans," I notice a communication which reads as follows: "Among the officers of high rank who are upon trial in this city is Col. BYRNE, of the Eighteenth New-York Cavalry, on charges preferred by ERASTUS CORNING of Albany." It further states that "the regiment is demoralized, and that nothing is left for it but consolidation."

To these statements I have the honor to make the following contradiction: Although it is true that I have been on trial lately on charges preferred at the instigation of ERASTUS CORNING, yet these same charges were thoroughly investigated and completely disproved before I was commissioned as Colonel. Being charged with an offence it does not always follow that the accused party is guilty, no matter what amount of obloquy or iniquity the charges carry with them. The charges against me were gotten up by certain officers of my regiment who hoped to displace me, thereby securing for themselves the promotions which they should have endeavored to obtain by soldierly conduct in camp, and deeds of heroism on the battle-field. Upon my joining the regiment for duty, three of these officers tendered their resignations viz: Capt. J. K. VAN SLYKE and Lieut. J. [illegible] Albany, and Lieut. J. H. KEATS, of Watervliet, N. Y.

These resignations, tendered in the face of the enemy, at a time when every soldier should be with his command, ready to faithfully serve his country, left no alternative for their commanding officers but to accept their resignations for the benefit of the service, and it is so stated on their resignations, which is the only record they have of their connection with the United States Army, in the Eighteenth New-York Cavalry. There are a few more of the conspirators left with the regiment, one of whom—Lieut.-Col. STRYKER—is the originator of the whole affair. He will soon be tried by court-martial on charges of a very serious nature, supported by others similar to those which compelled him to leave the Army of the Potomac. That these officers have the sympathy of ERASTUS CORNING is but too true; it was he that placed Lieut.-Col. STRYKER in this regiment, and he has aided him to carry out his plans since, probably without a knowledge of the character of the man he is sustaining. Through Mr. CORNING'S influence, these same officers, who resigned in the face of the enemy, have been reappointed and commissioned. They are in New-Orleans, but are not mustered in, and will not be, as there is a disability attached to their resignations, which can only be removed by an order from the War Department.

When I commenced to raise this regiment, few men would enlist, and not having a very large amount of money at my command, I was of the opinion that if I should name the regiment in honor of some of our prominent citizens it would have a tendency to stimulate recruiting for the regiment. Impressed with this belief, I named the regiment "The Corning Light Cavalry," in honor of Hon. ERASTUS CORNING, of Albany. I regret to be compelled to state that he never assisted me in the least, either with men or money, not even a particle of that powerful influence he wields was exerted in my behalf. For ten long months I labored incessantly, day and night, and at last had the gratification of seeing my labors crowned with success, and my brightest anticipations realized by completing the organization of my twelfth company. After a great deal of trouble, and a delay of nearly a month, I succeeded in being mustered in as Colonel of the regiment. All this was effected against the conspiracy which had broken out to prevent me from obtaining the position I sought.

As a matter of justice to Mr. CORNING, I will say that he did not interest himself at that time in the move on the part of a few of my officers, but he has done so of late, and it is on these same charges that I have been tried in New-Orleans. The influence exercised by Mr. CORNING over this regiment has had a very demoralizing effect, and will, if continued, eventually destroy it. When the organization of the regiment was completed, he presented it with a most superb stand of colors, which I this day have the honor to return to him by request of the regiment. They go back rather untimely, it is true, but they carry with them this truth, that they were never unfurled but to reflect credit on the name they bore, and honor to the great State of New-YORK, from whence they came.

Mr. CORNING'S repeated interference in this regiment has compelled me to take this step. It is through his influence that none of the promotions I have made for gallant and meritorious conduct on the battle-field have been commissioned, and if he, being three thousand miles away from where the regiment is, is the best judge of the competency of officers, I will resign and let him command the regiment which he has controlled for the last three months.

On the suspension of my trial, hearing that my regiment, (then in command of Lieut.-Col. STRYKER,) was fast approaching the last stage of demoralization, I made application to be released from arrest and ordered to the regiment, which application was accorded by Major-Gen. BANKS, and on the strength of my being released, he ordered the regiment to be remounted and equipped anew, as, from the condemnatory nature of inspection reports made while I was in arrest, it had been ordered to be dismounted, and armed and equipped as infantry. I am happy to state that the regiment is progressing finely in discipline and organization, although anything toward discipline was not thought of before I assumed command. As to its being consolidated, it is at the present time one of the largest regiments in the Department of the Gulf, and I have yet to learn that this regiment has acted discreditably when called upon to perform any duty. Consequently the assertion that it is to be consolidated was simply ridiculous, and I do not think such a thing was ever heard of until it appeared in the columns of your paper.

As to the remarks in regard to my officers, they were unjust and ungentlemanly, and carry with them a stigmatizing influence which I hope this contradiction will be the means of removing. The most of my officers I knew before I became connected with this regiment, and I have seen their valor tried on many a hard-contested field.

To those who have any insinuations to cast upon my reputation as an officer and a gentleman, I can only refer them to my career in the war from the 20th day of April, 1861, when I joined the "Ellsworth Zouaves" as a private, to the present time; and as, step by step, I have been promoted, without the aid of any influence whatever, I hope that, in the respective positions that I have held, I have always done my country good and faithful service, and while I remain in the army, may continue to do so. If credit is to be given to any one for assisting me to raise this regiment, it is due to several prominent citizens of New-York City, who were ever ready and willing to assist an energetic young man; and it is in vindication of the regiment and its reputation, and the trust reposed in it by those gentlemen, that I have made this explanation.

I am opposed to indulging in newspaper warfare. I am not anxious for that description of popularity, and, therefore, will simply say that your reporter was misinformed; and hoping that you will find room in your valuable paper for this lengthy refutation, thereby setting to rights the false impressions which the article may have created, I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES J. BYRNE, Col. 18th N. Y. C.,
Commanding Third Cavalry Brigade,
Department of the Gulf.

The Citizens' Association.

The *Commercial Advertiser*, of this city, bestows considerable attention upon the operations of the Citizens' Association, and expresses apprehensions in regard to it, because, as it says, the Association is directed by a policy, not actuated by a principle, and that it expects to accomplish municipal reform by changing one set of officials for another. The *Commercial* thinks the Association mistakes the remedy for municipal corruption, and that if it succeeds in changing the character of our city rulers it will be an endless and hopeless task to keep pure the fountains of power. The true remedy, in the judgment of the *Commercial*, is in an amended charter, freeing the city from legislative interference, and in the decentralization of power, so that the jcity government shall have no fat jobs to farm out.

In the main, says the *Citizen*, the organ of the Association, we agree with the *Commercial*, that officeholders, whether springing from the Fifth-avenue or some tenement-house, are not to be trusted; that power corrupts, and that, therefore, as little power as possible should be given to rulers. We agree, also, in the importance of recasting our charter in the light of this principle. We only wonder that so intelligent and right-minded a critic as the *Commercial* had not noticed that in the earliest publications of the Association, and frequently since, that body announced its conviction that "great improvements could be made in our city charter; but as this is not an age distinguished by wise and judicious legislation, too much care cannot be taken in making changes to see that they will secure the objects sought to be attained." It said, "If the revision of the present charter could be placed in the hands of ten eminent citizens, qualified by experience and matu.e judgment to frame improvements, no doubt a much better municipal Government would be secured." Not only did the association feel and proclaim the importance of a simplified and improved system of municipal Government, but it referred the subject to its bureau of legal advisers for careful elaboration, and the drafting of a charter in accordance with the best and most advanced ideas. This work has been for months in the hands of eminent and experienced men, and we have reason to believe that in due time a charter will be proposed which will show a complete eradication of the vicious and corrupting elements inhering in our present system. We know that the leading minds in the Central Association are giving much earnest thought to this important subject, and have in view a plan of municipal regeneration far more thorough and beneficent than any mere change of officials could possible secure. They have not mistaken the proper objects. They have not substituted a policy for a principle. Meanwhile, is it any disadvantage to the end in view that the Ward associations are exerting themselves to send good and honest men to the Legislature, and to fill charter offices with upright and competent citizens? The *Commercial* itself defers its hope of an improved charter till 1866. Would it not help the cause of city reform and a reformed charter to put good men in office in the interval? Can it hinder the cause to expose the corruption now perpetrated by officeholders? These exposures have strikingly illustrated the great defects and openings to corruption afforded by our present system of government, and are among the most impressive evidences that a thorough change is needed, and show us what changes should be made, to cut off the facilities and temptations to evil now afforded to bad men in office. It seems to us highly desirable to select honest and competent men for office, even if our city charter were ever so perfect, for corrupt ones will always find ways to plunder the public and enrich themselves. Much of the corruption now practiced is in direct violation of law, loose and chaotic as our system is, and the same sort of men would steal under any provision of law, however guarded. Our notion is that we should remodel our system, giving as little power and as few opportunities to evil as possible, and then choose good, competent officers to administer the government, and make it produce all the benefits to the community which honest and wise authority can confer. The evils under which we suffer are due partly to a bad system of Municipal Government, and partly to corrupt officials. We would reform both. We should think very little gained, even though we could to-morrow introduce the best possible city charter and laws, if the same men who have held power in late years were to continue in office. The ingenuity of these men is adequate to any emergency, and will leap over any barriers of law and ordinances. We need not only a carefully elaborated system of government, but an educated and virtuous public sentiment to brace and fortify that system, and select right-minded men to put it in force, and to reward them with its applause and honors when they have done their duty. If we cannot have a reformed charter at once, so much the more important is it to elect good men to administer our present defective and faulty one, so as to avert all the evil and realize all the possible good from things as they are. And if our Ward Associations will rigidly adhere to the principal of ignoring party, and choosing men for their worth and fitness, we do not apprehend that they will degenerate into political clubs, or forget the great cause of municipal reform in the struggle for office. We beg leave to remind our not unfriendly critic that the association, during the few months of its existence, has been laying deep and solid foundations for a reformed government in the convictions of the people. More than two millions of tracts, essays, &c., have issued from its press, and been circulated in the homes and workshops of the industrial classes, and the evidences of their intelligent appreciation of our appeals have been daily accumulating and crowding upon us in many convincing forms. The floods of light thus poured forth, thousands of thoughtful minds thus interested in our operations and sympathising in our views, must inevitably result in favor of good city government. The four bureaux of the association—of Legal Advisers, of Civil Engineers, of Public Instruction and of Sanitary Inspection—are in full and effective operation, each contributing to inaugurate a thorough reform in its proper department of city interests, and to lay the foundations of a grandly simple and wise system of municipal government. Remembering that the association has been but a few months in existence, its friends may congratulate themselves that such a vast amount of effective labor has been performed, and so many valuable agencies put in operation, and such a multitude of thinking minds enlightened and interested for the success of our cause.

Departure of Domestic Mails.

East Mails close at ..... 1:30, 2, 20 and 6:15 P. M.
Erie Mail ..... 5 A. M. and 4:45 P. M.
Erie Mail, Way ..... 5 A. M. and 3 P. M.
Long Island ..... 5 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Newport and Fall River ..... 4:00 P. M.
New-York Central Railroad ..... 4 P. M.
North Mails ..... 5 A. M. and 4:15 P. M.
North Mail, Way ..... 5:00 A. M. and 3 P. M.
South Mail at ..... 5 A. M., 4:30, 6 and 10:30 P. M.

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MEETINGS.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL HEALTH CONVENTION will be held at Hope Chapel, No. 720 Broadway, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, Nov. 15 and 16, and THURSDAY, Nov. 17, at Clinton Hall, Astor-place, New-York.

PROGRAMME.—The morning sessions, commencing each day at 10 o'clock, will be devoted to the discussion of Health topics. Prominent lecturers on Hygiene, Sanitary Science and Health Reforms, will be present, and give lectures and take part in discussions.

EVENING SESSIONS.

TUESDAY EVENING, Nov. 15, at 7½ o'clock, S. R. WELLS, editor *Phrenological Journal*, will lecture on "MENTAL HYGIENE."

WEDNESDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, Dr. R. T. TRALL, editor of *Herald of Health*, will lecture on "THE PROBLEMS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE."

THURSDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, Dr. DIO LEWIS, of Boston, will lecture on "HOW TO RID THE WORLD OF INTEMPERANCE."

JAMES G. CLARK, the poet and and balladist, will sing at each session.

Admission to the morning session free. To the evening lectures, 25 cents. Tickets to be had at FOWLER & WELLS, and at the door.

SIXTH WARD UNION CAMPAIGN CLUB will meet on FRIDAY EVENING next, the 18th inst., at 7 o'clock, at No. 475 Pearl-st, to celebrate the Unity of the American Republic, as demonstrated by the late election.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 3, 1864.

Will be sold at public auction, at the Arsenal, on the 19th of November, 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M., a lot of Ordnance Stores, condemned as unfit for use, viz:

1 Steam Boiler and Pump.
1 Double Lathe.
6 Grindstones.
741 Gray Blankets.
1,608 Blue Blankets.
1,901 Red Blankets.
37 Polepads, Gutta Percha.
55 Valises, Cavalry, round.
2,317 Nose Bags.
2,833 Surcingles.
1,621 Blankets.
583 McClellan Saddle-trees.
110 yards Silk Serge.
40 pounds Woolen Yarn.
1,000 pounds Woolen Rags.
3 pounds Shoe-thread.
85 Barrels.
5 Jugs.
7 Bottles.
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Also, a large lot of Wrought and Cast Iron.

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COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

No. 3 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, Nov. 1, 1864.

MR. EDWARD K. WILLARD THIS DAY retires from the firm of GARESCHE, MINTON & CO. (Signed) EDWARD D. GARESCHE.
CHARLES A. MINTON.
EDWARD K. WILLARD.

The business will be continued by the undersigned, under the firm of GARESCHE & MINTON. Mr. CHAS. A. MINTON will represent us in the New-York Stock Exchange. EDWARD D. GARESCHE.
CHARLES A. MINTON.

EDWARD K. WILLARD will continue the Stock Commission business at No. 17 Wall-st.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 9, 1864.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the name of SIMONSON & BROWN, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either party is authorized to sign in liquidation.

GEORGE SIMONSON.
LEWIS M. BROWN.

In consequence of a desire on the part of many of my friends that I should attend more thoroughly to the developments of large petroleum interests in New York State, (in which the late firm of SIMONSON & BROWN have a large share,) I have withdrawn from the late firm, and may be found at the office, No. 11 Johnston Building, No. 30 Broad-st. Mr. GEO. SIMONSON will continue the stock business at No. 39½ Exchange-place.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 10, 1864. LOUIS M. BROWN

BOARDING AND LODGING.

DESIRABLE COUNTRY BOARD, FOR families, can be had at the residence of the subscriber; comfortable rooms, liberal table, very healthy and pleasant location among the hills. Address H. S., Town of Esopus, Ulster County, N. Y. Daily communication with the City, by boat and rail.

WANTED FOR THE WINTER—BY A gentleman and wife, with nurse and child, a suite of three furnished rooms on the second floor, with private table. Address, stating terms and location, Box No. 4,675 Post-office.

WANTED—A LARGE FRONT ROOM FURNISHED, in a private family, without board. Location, 4th to 30th sts., between 6th and 3d avs. Address A. L., Box No. 189 *Times* Office.

BOARD IN BROOKLYN.—TWO OR THREE single gentlemen can be accommodated with pleasant front rooms on second floor, and first-class board, at No. 88 2d-place.

LOST AND FOUND.

WATCH LOST.

$200 REWARD.

Lost, in the neighborhood of Cooper Institute, on Wednesday night, October 11, a GOLD HUNTING STRAIGHT LINE ANCHOR LEVER WATCH. No. 9,464, James Naidin, maker. The watch is highly valued on account of its associations. The above reward will be paid if returned to

FINANCIAL.

RECIPROCITY MINING COMPANY, OF CANADA EAST.

TRUSTEES:

EX-GOV. JAMES POLLOCK, Director United States Mint, Philadelphia.

WILLIAM G. MOORHEAD, President Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company, Philadelphia.

CHAS. B. WRIGHT, of C. B. Wright & Co., Philadelphia.

HENRY SHELDON, of Stanton, Sheldon & Co., New-York.

WILLIAM B. HATCH, of Fairbanks & Co., New-York.

T. B. BUNTING, of T. B. Bunting & Co., New-York.

L. R. CHITTENDEN, (late Register United States Treasury,) of New-York.

President—L. R. CHITTENDEN,

Bankers—FISK & HATCH.

General Superintendent—ARTHUR RANKIN, M. P.

Secretary—JOHN M. HOOD.

CAPITAL STOCK, 100,000 SHARES.

PAR $50. SUBSCRIPTION PRICE $30—$15 PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SUBSCRIPTION.

RESERVED FOR WORKING CAPITAL, 10,000 SHARES.

THIS COMPANY IS FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE of Purchasing, Working, Selling and Leasing Mining Lands and Rights, in the British Provinces and neighboring localities.

It is now the owner of nearly fifteen thousand acres of the richest gold lands of the CHAUDIERE gold district of Canada, which have been selected with great care, and after abundant evidence of their richness in gold and other precious metals. They contain nearly SEVENTY MILES of *river frontage* upon streams admirably adapted to the most productive and economical mining.

The company has been organized after the most thorough examination of the lands and their values, and the trustees confidently believe their productiveness, which has been fully tested, prove them equal, if not superior, to the richest placers of California, both in gold-bearing quartz lodes and alluvial deposits. They have on hand and on exhibition gold enough recently mined upon their own property to fully establish the value of their stock.

The company is prepared to treat upon favorable terms with persons desiring to lease or purchase mining rights.

A limited number of shares of the capital stock may be subscribed for until further notice, at the office of

FISK & HATCH, NO. 38 WALL-ST., BANKERS FOR THE COMPANY,

OR AT

THE COMPANY'S OFFICE, EMPIRE BUILDINGS, NO. 71 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK,

where the prospectus, maps and all information relating to the Company, may be had on application.

The Trustees unhesitatingly invite the attention of the public to the RECIPROCITY MINING COMPANY, as possessing a value fully equal to that of any Mining Company hitherto organized.

NIAGARA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

REMOVED TO

NO. 12 WALL-STREET.

J. D. STEELE, President.

P. NORMAN, Secretary.

PETROLEUM.

HICKORY FARM OIL COMPANY,

CAPITAL—$500,000.

100,000 SHARES OF $5 EACH.

Shares full paid without further assessment.

OFFICE, No. 92 MAIDEN LANE.

President, CHRISTOPHER TYLER.
Secretary, WILLIAM C. CARMAN.
Treasurer, ISAAC D. RUSSELL.
Superintendent, LEWIS P. BROWN.

TRUSTEES:

Christopher Tyler, of Christopher Tyler, New-York.
Thomas A. Cummins, of Thomas A Cummins, New-York.
Francis B. Cooley, late of Cooley, Farwell & Co., N. Y.
George M. Grover, late of Groves, Northrup, Taylor & Co., New-York.
John V. Clark, late of Dater, Clarke & Co., New-York.
Charles V. Faile, of Faile, Williams & Co., New-York.
Isaac D. Russell, of Russell & Irwin, Manf Co., N. Y.
Joseph Laroque, of Bowdin, Laroques & Barlow, N.Y.
Curtis G. Hussey, of C. G. Hussey & Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jeptha H. Wade, Vice-President Western Union Telegraph Company, Cleveland, Ohio.
Samuel L. Mather, Secretary Cleveland Iron Mining Company, Cleveland Ohio.
John S. Newberry, of J. S. Newberry, Detroit, Michigan.
J. Twing Brooks, President of Farmer's Bank, Salem, Ohio.

This Company is organized under the laws of the State of New-York, for the purpose of developing a tract of upwards of two hundred and ninety-seven acres of oil land, owned by the Company in fee-simple, located in Venango County, Pennsylvania, on the westerly bank of the Alleghany River, and embracing both banks of "Hickory Creek." An ample working capital has been provided for by the Company, and the development of the property will be prosecuted with the greatest vigor. Ten thousand shares only of the Capital Stock can now be subscribed for *at par*, at the Company's office, No. 92 Maiden-lane, where maps, &c., &c. c n be seen, and any further information desired can be obtained.

HERMETICAL BARREL COMPANY.

A limited portion of the stock remaining unsold of the Hermetical Barrel Company, organized under the general statute of the State of New-York, for the preparation of barrels and other packages, by the Robbins patent, can be obtained by applying to

A. A. TAYLOR,
Actuary of the Company,
No. 153 Broadway,

from whom licenses and any information can be obtained on the subject.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 10, 1864.

GOLD BONDS.

We offer for sale BONDS OF COUNTY OF ELDORADO, City of Placerville, and First Mortgage Bonds PLACERVILLE AND SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD.

Interest at ten per cent. in gold.

WELLS, FARGO & CO., No. 84 Broadway.

CHATHAM BANK, NEW-YORK, Nov 9, 1864.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON MONDAY, 7th instant, the following named gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

NATH. HAYDEN,	ALFRED L. ROSE,
WM. K. BELCHER,	CHAS. J. SHEPARD,
WM. L. CONKLIN,	CHAS. SANFORD,
GEO. C. COLLINS,	JOHN H. SHERWOOD,
JOS. M. COOPER,	O. W. WOODFORD,
THOS. DAVENPORT,	THOMAS WOODWARD,
JOHN B. DUNHAM,	SAM. R. PLATT,
BENJ. W. MERIAM,	

And at a meeting of the Board THIS DAY, NATH. HAYDEN was unanimously reelected President, and JOSEPH M. COOPER, Vice-President

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Nov. 9, 1864.

THE COLUMBIA BANK (CHATHAM FOUR CORNERS) has this day filed, in this office, a notice of the appointment of the "National Currency Bank," of New-York City, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, together with a revocation of the appointment of Thompson Brothers as such agent, agreeable to the act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to Incorporated Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers," passed April 19, 1851.

H. H. VAN DYCK, Superintendent.

OFFICE OF THE SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 31 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Oct. 24, 1864.

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS of the SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY, held this day, THOMAS W. BIRDSALL, Esq., was unanimously elected President, to fill the office made vacant by the resignation of Joseph Walker, Esq., who retires on account of impaired health. The change will take effect on November 1. By order,

RICHARD L. HAYDOCK, Secretary.

OFFICE HOLMAN GOLD MINING CO., No. 200 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Oct. 11, 1864.—The Trustees of Holman Gold Mining Co., voted at the last monthly meeting to offer 5,000 shares of their reserve stock for working capital, at $2 50 per share. Par value $2. This Company own fifty gold-bearing claims, all well tested; a 12-stamp mill now running, shed, office and stable, all in Gilpin and Clear Creeks Co's, Colorado.

H. P. CROZIER, President.

JOHN O'NEIL, Secretary.

ALL CLAIMS AND BILLS AGAINST the United States, of whatever description, purchased or collected by

WALDEN, WILLARD & McILVAINE,
No. 17 Broad-st., New-York.

CITY RAILROAD STOCKS FOR SALE, viz.: Broadway and Seventh-avenue, Grand-street and Forty-second-street and Dry Dock and East Broadway, by

S. S. HINMAN, No. 15 Wall-st., up stairs.

$55,000.—OIL-WELLS.—FOR SALE, five oil-wells, two in Oil City, 1, 2 Mallory's Oil Creek, and 2, 3 Mallory's. Splendid show of flowing wells, only from 300 to 550 feet down. Please address A. D. K., Box No. 138 *Times* Office.

FOR SALE—ONE THOUSAND SHARES OF Holman Gold Mining Company Stock at $2 per share. Apply to T. H. NEVILLE, Nos. 87 and 89 Leonard-st.

COMMISIONER FOR NEW-JERSEY and other States—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. first floor over Park Bank.

FINANCIAL.

NOBLE AND DELEMATER ROCK OIL COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.

Office No. 67 Wall-st.
100,000 Shares. Par Value $3. $300,0000.
Stock full paid, no future assessments.

This Company has an ample working capital, with an interest in the now largest producing well on Oil Creek.

OFFICERS:

John J. Morris, Pres. Isaac A. Quackenboss, Vice-Pres.
Isaac Bemheimer, Treas. J. H. Ketcham, Secretary.
William Norton, Counsel.

TRUSTEES.

John J. Morris,	Isaac O. Barker,
Isaac A. Quackenboss,	Henry Cohn,
Isaac Bemheimer.	Smith Barker, Jr,
John H. Rhodes.	

LIVERMORE, CLEWS & CO., BANKERS,

No. 32 Wall-st., New-York,
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENTS for the sale of the "7-3-10 NATIONAL LOAN."

All denominations ready for immediate delivery. One-quarter per cent. commission allowed in all cases, and liberal terms made with Banks, Bankers, and Dealers.

ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF UNITED STATES SECURITIES purchased, and on hand, for sale.

BROWN, BROTHERS & CO.,

NO. 66 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 3, 1864.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company will be held at the office of the company, No. 151 Broadway, on MONDAY, 14th inst., between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock. By order of the Board.

GEO. T. HAWS, Secretary.

COLUMBIA OIL COMPANY.

EASTERN STOCKHOLDERS—DIVIDEND NOTICE.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 9, 1864.

The Directors of this company have this day declared a dividend of Four (4) Per Cent. on the capital stock, out of the profits of last month, payable on and after MONDAY, the 14th inst., at the office of J. B. WIER, No. 42 Cedar-st. By order of the Board.

E. WESTERVELT, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 7, 1864.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. out of the net earnings of the last three months, payable at the Office of the Company on SATURDAY, the 12th inst., at 10 A. M.

The Transfer Books will be reopened on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

By order of the Board of Directors.

THEODORE T. JOHNSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OIL CREEK PETROLEUM COMPANY, CONTINENTAL BANK BUILDINGS, No. 7 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, Oct. 15, 1864.

THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have THIS DAY declared the regular monthly dividend of one per cent., and an extra dividend of one per cent. Payable Nov. 15, to Stockholders of Record, THIS DAY.

A. M. WOOD, President.
O. L. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

THE FOLLOWING COUPONS, DUE NOV. 15, will be paid on and after that date, on presentation at our office:

Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad First and Second Mortgage Bonds.
Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Second Funded Coupon Bonds.

DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.

OFFICE OF THE FARM PETROLEUM COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

A MONTHLY DIVIDEND OF ONE PER cent. on the capital stock of this company will be paid by James Wadsworth & Co., at their office, No. 61 Cedar-st., New-York, on and after the 15th of November inst., to stockholders of that date.

JAS. WADSWORTH, President.
CHAS. V. WARE, Secretary.

PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, No 4 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Nov. 7, 1864.

Sealed proposals (in duplicate) will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock P. M. on MONDAY, the 14th instant, for supplying, for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz.:

3,000 barrels of first quality extra superfine Southern, St. Louis, or other brands of FLOUR, suitable for keeping in a warm climate. The brands and places of manufacture to be stated in the bids, and whether in round or flat hoop barrels. The barrels to be in good shipping order, full headlined and bunrs sealed.

1,000 barrels first quality kiln-dried CORN MEAL, one-half to be manufactured from white-flint corn; sample of package to accompany proposals.

100,000 pounds of RICE, in clean, good, stout oak barrels, *like samples to be seen at this office.*

100,000 pounds carefully selected TEA, in original packages, ½ Green, ½ Souchong, ½ Oolong; packages to be well strapped, and in perfect order. Cargo and chop marks to be stated on the proposals. Each sample must be marked in full with the name of the party offering, the cargo and chop mark, price and quantity offered.

Bidders are requested to offer not more than two samples of each kind of Tea.

25,000 GALLONS of the best quality of PURE VINEGAR, made only from Cider or Whisky, free from all foreign acids and injurious substances, and of a uniform strength, the Whisky Vinegar having thirty-five grains bi-carbonate of potash to neutralize one ounce troy, the Cider Vinegar as near the same strength as may be; to be put up in half barrels of 22 gallons capacity, like samples at this office. Each proposal must state distinctly the kind and quality of Vinegar offered and the kind of package

45,000 pounds best quality of ADAMANTINE CANDLES, to be 16 ounces to the pound, one-half sixes, the remainder twelves.

200,000 pounds good hard SOAP, to be made by boiling and only from good materials, free from clay, soluble glass, or other adulteration, to have no unpleasant odor, to contain not more than twenty-five per cent. of water, and to be well dried before being packed.

30,000 pounds of good, clean, dry, fine SALT, in strong tight barrels and half barrels, adapted to the purpose, with full head-lining; sixty pounds to the bushel.

50,000 pounds PEPPER (Black.) Bidders will please state the variety of pepper, as Sumatra, Singapore, Penang, &c., furnishing samples, and also state the price per pound at which they will have it ground, put up in four-ounce papers, and packed in boxes containing twenty-five pounds.

8,000 gallons of superior BOURBON WHISKY; barrels to be of good seasoned white oak staves and heads; to have twelve wooden and four strong iron hoops, heads and iron hoops painted. Returns required from a gauger and inspector to be named by the undersigned.

18,000 gallons of RECTIFED WHISKY, to be full first proof, according to the United States Custom-house standard. Barrels to be of good seasoned white oak staves and heads; to have twelve wood and four strong iron hoops, heads and iron hoops painted. Returns required as above.

30,000 pounds of "C" SUGAR; barrels to be new and of the best in use for the purpose, and to be full headlined.

70,000 pounds CRUSHED SUGAR; barrels as above.

15,000 pounds best quality of SPERM CANDLES, to be 16 ounces to the pound.

32,000 pounds of ROASTED AND GROUND RYE, to be packed in good strong barrels made of seasoned oak, paper-lined. The rye to be a good, sound, thoroughly-cleaned article; to be inspected and accepted before roasting. Samples of the rye, in the natural state as well as in the roasted and ground form, to be sent in with the proposals.

The goods to be furnished as soon as practicable; bidders are requested to state the time when they can deliver.

Separate proposals, *in duplicate*, must be made for each article enumerated, and bidders may propose for the whole or any part of each.

Samples of all the articles must be delivered with the proposals, and referred to therein. Samples of Flour, Corn Meal, Candles, Rice, Salt, Sugar, Tea, Pepper and Rye must be in neat boxes of card-board or tin, fully labeled, *and not in paper parcels.*

A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guarantee of two responsible names, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that should all or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly fulfilled according to its true purport and conditions; also, that a written contract, with bonds to the amount of one-fourth of the value of the stores proposed to be furnished, shall be executed, if required."

The sellers name, place of business, and the date of purchase, as well as the name of contents, with weight, gross and tare, and shipping marks, to be hereafter designated, must be plainly marked on every package. All other old marks must be obliterated. All boxes to be strapped with green hickory straps

The flour will be inspected at the date of delivery and compared with the retained samples, by Henry Shields, President of the Association of Flour Inspectors, whose certificate will be required.

All the stores will be carefully inspected before their delivery, and compared with the retained samples. Returns of weights, signed by a professional Public Weigher, must be furnished.

Payment will be made in currency, or its equivalent.

Contractors are expected to hold their goods, without expense to the United States, until required for shipment.

Blanks for Proposals will be furnished at this office, which must be inclosed in an envelope addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for Subsistence Stores."

H. F. CLARKE,
Colonel, A. D. C. and C. S.

OFFICE OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER, No 237 Broadway.

TO CONTRACTORS.—PROPOSALS IN CLOSED in a sealed envelope, indorsed with the title of the work, and with the name of the holder written thereon, will be received at this office until MONDAY, November 14, 1864, at eleven o'clock A. M.

For regulating and grading, &c., Ninetieth-street, between Ninth-avenue and Broadway.

For regulating and grading, curb, gutter and flagging One Hundred and Twenty-fourth-street, between Third and Eighth avenues.

For regulating and grading Ninth-avenue, between Broadway and Eighty-sixth-street.

For curb and gutter and flagging Sixty-second-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

For curb, gutter and flagging Fifty-second-street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

For filling sunken lots between One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Twenty-third-streets and First-avenue and Avenue A.

Repairing outer end of Pier number thirty-seven North River.

Building tender for Engine Company number nine.

Blank forms of proposals, together with the specifications and agreements, can be obtained at this office.

Dated Street Department, New-York, November 9, 1864.

CHARLES G. CORNELL,
Street Commissioner.

SHIPPING.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. (Limited.)

NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ship.	Tons.	Commander.
QUEEN—building	3,619	.....
ONTARIO—building	3,218	.....
HELVETIA—building	3,200	.....
ERIN	3,318	Grace.
LOUISIANA	2,186	Prowse.
VIRGINIA	2,876	Lewis.
PENNSYLVANIA	2,272	Brooking.

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:

PENNSYLVANIA—Brooking.....Saturday, Nov. 19.
VIRGINIA—Lewis.....Saturday, Dec. 3.
ERIN—Grace.....Saturday, Dec 17.
AND EVERY ALTERNATE SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The Cabin accommodations on board these steamers are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

Cabin passage, $125 in currency: Steerage, $45 in currency.

The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless Bills of Lading (having their value expressed therein) are signed therefor.

For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.

For steerage passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, 29 Broadway, N. Y.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

PERSIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Nov. 16.
AFRICA leaves Boston Wednesday, Nov. 23.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Nov. 30.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 7.
CHINA leaves New-York Wednesday, Dec. 14.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Dec. 21.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$132 50
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$112 50
Second Cabin Passage.....65 00

payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced Surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Specie or Valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

STEAM WEEKLY TO LIVERPOOL—Touching at QUEENSTOWN, (CORK HARBOR.) The well known steamers of the Liverpool, New-York and Philadelphia Steamship Company (Inman line) carrying the U. S. mails, are intended to sail as follows:

CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY.....Nov. 19
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....Nov. 26
ETNA.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 3
and every succeeding Saturday, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE,

PAYABLE IN GOLD, OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London.....85 | Steerage to London.....34
First Cabin to Paris.....95 | Steerage to Paris.....40
First Cabin to Hamburg.....90 | Steerage to Hamburg.....37

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at equally low rates.

Fares from Liverpool or Queenstown—First Cabin, $75, $85, $105. Steerage, $30. Those who wish to send for their friends can buy tickets here at these rates.

For further information apply at the Company's Offices. JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

REGULAR WEEKLY LINE.

NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S Line of Side-Wheel Steamers, carrying the United States Mail to

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT,

Will sail as follows:

GUIDING STAR.....Knapp.....Saturday, Nov. 19.
MORNING STAR.....Nelson.....Saturday, Nov. 26.
SUWO NADA.....Jayne.....Saturday, Dec. 3.
EVENING STAR.....Bell.....Saturday, Dec. 10.
GUIDING STAR.....Knapp.....Saturday, Dec. 17.
MORNING STAR.....Nelson.....Saturday, Dec. 24.
SUWO NADA.....Jayne.....Saturday, Dec. 31.
EVENING STAR.....Bell.....Saturday, Jan. 7.
DAY STAR.....(building.)

At 3 o'clock, P. M.,

From Pier 46 North River, 3d Pier above Canal-st., N. Y.

PASSAGE—Chief cabin state-rooms, $75 to $100, according to location of state-room. Second cabin, $50.

FREIGHT—Measurement goods 40 cents per cubic foot; weight goods 1 cent per pound; dry barrels, $1 75 each.

The *Morning Star* is 2,048 tons, the *Evening Star* 2,015, the *Guiding Star* 2,416, the *Day Star* 2,778, and the *Suwo Nada* 1,788, custom-house measurement. Their passenger accommodations are not excelled by those upon any other steamers.

No freight received or Bills of Lading signed after 12 o'clock on day of sailing. For Freight or Passage apply to

JAMES A. RAYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

MAIL STEAMERS TO FRANCE DIRECT

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW LINE OF FIRST-CLASS SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE.

The first five splendid vessels intended to be put upon this favorite route for the Continent, are the following:

WASHINGTON.....3,204 tons.....900-horse power
LAFAYETTE.....3,204 tons.....900-horse power
EUGENIE.....(Afloat).....900-horse power
FRANCE.....(Building).....900-horse power
NAPOLEON III.....(Building).....1,100-horse power

Until the completion of the entire list, the service will be performed by the

WASHINGTON, A. DUCHESNE;
LAFAYETTE, A. BOCANDE;

as follows:

FROM NEW-YORK TO HAVRE.

WASHINGTON.....WEDNESDAY.....Dec. 7.
LAFAYETTE.....WEDNESDAY.....Jan. 4.

First Cabin, (including table wine).....$135
Second Cabin, (including table wine).....$70 or $30

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Medical attendance free of charge.

For freight or passage, apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

At Paris, 12 Boulevard des Capucines. (Grand Hotel.)
At Havre, WM. BELIN & CO.

OPPOSITION LINE—REDUCED RATES

Central American Transit Company.
SHORT ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA via NICARAGUA.
NO CHARGE FOR MEALS ON THE TRANSIT.
The new and elegant steamship

GOLDEN RULE,
D. S. BABCOCK, Commander,

On SATURDAY, Nov. 19, at noon, from Pier No. 23 North River, foot of Warren-st., connecting with the steamship AMERICA. For passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 177 West, corner of Warren-st.

D. W. CARRINGTON, Agent.
Next voyage SATURDAY, Dec. 17.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE

FOR CALIFORNIA, VIA PANAMA.

Under convoy of a United States war steamer, throughout the Atlantic voyage.

The following first-class side-wheel steamers will be dispatched at noon precisely, from Pier No. 3, North River.

Nov. 14.....COSTA RICA.....TINKLEPAUGH.
Nov. 23.....OCEAN QUEEN.....SEABURY.
Dec. 3.....NORTH STAR.....JONES.

For freight or passage, apply to
D. B. ALLEN, No. 5 Bowling-green.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

SEMI-MONTHLY FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT, LANDING PASSENGERS AT HAVANA.

The first-class side-wheel steamship ARIEL, S. G. RUSSELL, Commander, will sail from Pier No 3 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M. on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 16.

For freight or passage, at reduced rates, apply to
D. B. ALLEN, No 5 Bowling-green.

N. B.—The CHAMPION, WILSON, Commander, will follow on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer "CORSICA," Capt. LE MESURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the company's wharf, at Jersey City, on MONDAY, Dec. 5, MONDAY, Jan. 2.

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CAVALRY BUREAU, OFFICE OF ASST. QUARTERMASTER, No. 18 State-st., NEW-YORK, July 27, 1864.

I will purchase in OPEN MARKET all the cavalry horses that may be presented and pass inspection at the Government stables, corner of 10th-av. and 36th-st., in this City, until further notice.

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EXPRESS TRAINS FROM NEW-YORK TO ALBANY AND TROY leave the depot corner of 4th-av and 26th-st., daily (except Sundays,) at

10 A. M.
4 P. M.

Connecting at Albany and Troy with trains North and West.

For the better accommodation of the public, arrangements have been made to run the trains of the Hudson River Railroad Company, and those of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company at different hours from New-York.

New cars of the best construction and most convenient for the use of passengers, have been recently placed on the Harlem road, and the arrangements for ticketing passengers and checking baggage to all the principal places North and West, are very extensive and complete.

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E. A. CHAPIN, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 1, 1864.

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CHARLES MINOT, General Superintendent.

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A. REASONER, Superintendent.

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HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—ON AND after Oct. 31, trains leave Chambers st. for Albany and Troy, and places North and West: 6:3 A. M., 12 M., 3:30, 5:30, 10:40 P. M. The 5:30 P. M. train has sleeping cars attached from 30th-st. through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change. Sunday train, 6 P. M. from 30th-st.

NORTHERN R. R. OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 9:15 A. M., 12:15 P. M., 4:22 P. M., and 6:05 P. M. The 9:15 A. M. and 4:22 P. M., run to Monsey.

THOS. W. DEMAREST, Sup't.

Nov. 1, 1864.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—TRAINS for Albany and Troy and the North and West leave Chambers-st., at 7 A. M.; Express, 8 A. M.; Way Mail, 10:30 A. M., and 4, 6 and 10:40 P. M. Express on Sundays at 6:22 P. M. from 30th-st.

J. M. TOUCEY, Assistant Superintendent.

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PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, No. 4 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Nov. 7, 1864.

Sealed proposals (in duplicate) will be received by the undersigned until 4 o'clock P. M. on WEDNESDAY, the 23d inst., for supplying for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz.:

BEEF—In MESS or EXTRA MESS, in full-hooped oak barrels, with two iron hoops; bidders will state the brands, and will exhibit samples when practicable.

PORK—MESS or PRIME MESS of the packs of 1863-4 or 1864-5, in full-hooped oak or ash barrels, with two iron hoops. Meat to be free from rust or stain; full weight and thoroughly salted. Bidders will state when their pork was packed, and the brands; also, the kind of barrel.

The Pork and Beef to be received at such Inspection-yard as shall be agreed to by the unders

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bravery and devotion. But there is no doubt that the negro will fight, and fight well.

How will the army like the innovation? I have heard some of our men say they could not get along with negroes; but my opinion is that our boys would at least fight as well if they knew their flanks well protected by a well disciplined division, even if their skins were black. Besides, no one ask them to affiliate with negro. Let the line of demarcation be drawn then as now; only if a colored corps behaves well in battle, give it the credit due to men who have deported themselves gallantly, for bravery should command respect. And after all it is much better to shoot with a negro at a Yankee uniform than be shot at by that negro in Yankee uniform; and this will be the case if the war goes on long enough. If we do not get the negro, the Yankees will, and the terminal scenes of this struggle, if negroes are not used by us, will be the subjugation of the Southern gentleman by his own slave.

But who is to pay for these 250,000 volunteers or conscripts, a matter of 250,000? Our children. The priceless advantages gained for them will enable them to easily pay the interest on such a debt. Should the planter demur at a thousand dollars a head for his negroes, let him remember that if the war lasts he will get rid of them for much less.

Now, admitting that we put these 25,000 negroes in the army, and they do their duty, the very rational question arises, what would be the influence after the war exercised by these negroes on the slaves which remain to us? Would it be injurious and tend eventually to subvert our institution, or would they, as is the case among the free colored population in Louisiana, be the most earnest advocates for its propagation? This is a question I am not prepared to answer. However, should the infiltration among the slaves of so large a number of free blacks, with that improvement of moral and character which would result to them fighting side by side with white men, endanger our institution, what then? Is it in no danger now? What becomes of it if we are whipped? What becomes of it even if we are not whipped eventually, and Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. SHERIDAN, et id omne genus, continue to make raids upon us and gather their fighting material from our own doors? Sir, we must look the fact firmly in the face that the institution of slavery is endangered by this war. There are fifteen millions people fighting for its extinction. There are a hundred million applauding them! It is useless to hide our heads under the blanket. We are fighting for national independence, and not for slavery, and so, I think, believes Mr. DAVIS; for the question of slavery, as an object of this war, has never, to my knowledge, obtruded itself in any of his public documents. If we can succeed in this war and maintain our original position, that slavery is a beneficent institution, the only solution of the great problem of the relation of labor to capital; if we can prove the world wrong, and eventually overcome its prejudices, so much the better for us. But let us never forget the great fact that we are fighting for independence, independence! and perish, slavery, if it stands in its way.

I am firmly convinced that public sentiment is in favor of putting our negroes in the army. I hear it expressed daily by those who own slaves and those who do not. A member of the Mississippi Legislature told me last week that he had seven men he would give to the Government if it put arms in their hands. A majority of those who are silent on this question speak not their views because they fear being stigmatized as anti-slavery men. I feel sure that before the next meeting of Congress, the prosperity, expediency and necessity of arming negroes will have taken such hold on the public mind that it will be advocated by a large majority of our Representatives.

If I am correct, then let every patriotic slaveholder canvass his slaves and find out who among them will *volunteer* for freedom and his home. Let him prepare the negro's mind for the position he is about to assume, and excite in him that love of country and of home which, I believe, exists strongly in the negro's breast.

I terminate this, assuring you that I have made some sacrifices for the Confederacy, and am devoted to its cause; that I was raised in the South, and have always been a slaveholder.

CORN BREAD.

THE WAR IN GEORGIA.

HOOD'S ARMY ON THE MARCH.

From the Montgomery Mail of Wednesday, Nov. 2.

The first intelligent account we have received of the whereabouts and situation of the Army of Tennessee, reaches us through a private letter to a well known gentleman of this city. On the 23d ult., Hood's army passed Brookeville, in North Alabama. At this point it separated in three columns, all making for the Tennessee River, at three different points—Decatur, Whitesburgh and Gunter's Landing.

SHERMAN's army followed nearly up to the Coosa River. His advance skirmished with WHEELER's cavalry up to the vicinity of Gadsden. Here the Federal commander halted, and then went back, apparently nonplussed at the movements of our army. By this time, it is supposed that the three columns of our army are safely over the river, and that they have converged somewhere in the vicinity of Huntsville. The general impression is that its future course will be in the direction of Tuscumbia. Everything was progressing favorably, and all were in confident spirit.

Our cavalry officers appears to be in doubt themselves as to the force and designs of the enemy on the Coosa. There is no doubt, however, but that they are in the neighborhood of Cedar Bluff with infantry, cavalry and artillery. On last Thursday a force of fifteen hundred cavalry, under KILPATRICK, advanced to Ladiga, thirteen miles northeast of this place, and in this county. They were met by Gen. FERGUSON's brigade, and a hard fight of ten hours' duration followed. FERGUSON finally drove the enemy from every part of the field and captured his dead, mortally wounded and three prisoners. They left twelve of the former on the ground. In their retreat the enemy took the Rome road. Subsequent scouting parties failed to discover any force this side of the Coosa.

Many officers of Gen. WHEELER's cavalry are of the opinion that SHERMAN will send a strong force down the Selma and Blue Mountain Railroad, and that he is under the impression that HOOD is drawing his supplies over that way. Gen. WHEELER has received instructions to fall back in front of such a column should it advance. Nothing would gratify Gen. HOOD more than for SHERMAN to make such a disposition of any of his army corps, while he is redeeming Tennessee. My own impression is that no such expedition will be made. There is nothing along that line upon which to subsist a force strong enough to make the movement successful.

It is further hoped that the Yankee General will hold on to Atlanta, and all other captured points between there and Chattanooga until the grand battle for Tennessee is fought. If that is done our success is assured. There was a rumor at Gen. BEAUREGARD's headquarters the other day that Atlanta had been captured by Gen. IVERSON. "I hope," said the General, "that it is not true; I expect it to be captured but not now."

The theory advanced by one of your city contemporaries that Corinth and Shiloh are again to be occupied is wholly untrue. For that matter, these historic places are already in our possession. But now as three years ago, they are of no strategic importance. The present grand advance has a far deeper meaning than that.

A correspondent of the Montgomery *Advertiser*, writing from Jacksonville, Oct. 30, says: It is currently reported here this morning that Gen. HOOD has captured Decatur and a large amount of prisoners and stores. An officer from that vicinity says that the news is true, and that four thousand Yankees, including three regiments of negroes, fell into our hands without the firing of a gun. I have some doubts about the information, but trust it may turn out true.

It is necessary for Gen. HOOD to seize that point, if he has not already done so, in order to successfully prosecute his campaign in Tennessee. He undoubtedly designs making that his base of operations.

It is further reported that Gen. CHEATHAM was marching upon Huntsville, and believed that that city has fallen into our hands.

The same writer says HOOD has cut loose from Blue Mountain and Jacksonville as his base of supplies.

YANKEE FORAGING PARTIES.

The Covington (Ga.) *Gazette* reports that the Federal authorities in the vicinity of the Atlanta and Augusta Railroad have returned to the former city. The last foraging party which visited the western part of Newton, and northwestern part of Henry Counties, consisted of two divisions of infantry, a detachment of cavalry, and six hundred wagons. They took all the stock they find, old and young, fat and poor. They take everything to eat that the citizens have, in many instances leaving not one mouthful for helpless women and children. In one instance, after stripping a family of all they possessed, wearing apparel bedding, knives and forks, earthenware, etc., killing hogs, cows, etc., in answer to the tears of a young lady, a member of the family, they gave her some four or five pounds of pork and four bedquilts.

BLANKETS FOR HOOD'S ARMY.

The Augusta *Constitutionalist* learns that Major L. O. BARDWELL, Q. M., has sent the soldiers in the West no less than 35,000 blankets.

REVOKED.

GOV. BROWN publishes a proclamation revoking the commission he gave to Mr. C. J. BAYLOR to represent the State of Georgia as commercial agent in Europe.

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD NOT DO.

From the Macon Confederacy.

The Legislature of this State meets in a few days. It were difficult to say whether this is auspicious or unfavorable. If it were certain that no word would be uttered, no measure proposed, or action taken but that which would evince the most unyielding determination and unwavering devotion to the cause of Southern independence, we should hail it as an occurrence, the most fortuitous that could have taken place at this juncture. Not that we doubt the patriotism of the body, but that the timidity of some, and the ambition of others, to drift with the population breeze, may cause the first to entertain, and the latter to propose measures derogatory to the interest, honor, and reputation of the cause in which we struggle.

In other words, *there is a faint-hearted class in Georgia, who, from the beginning, have caught up one schemé after another to restore peace, and relieve the country from the immense outlays of blood and treasure which were necessary to vindicate the principles which lay at the foundation of our difficulties.* At first, our successes were such that the nation against whom we struggled would be forced to yield. Europe must attest her admiration of our valor and the justice of our cause by an acknowledgment of our independence and an intervention in our behalf. The Northeast, dissatisfied and disheartened at the continuation of a hopeless struggle, would repudiate her sisters, and throw herself as naturally in our favor as the waters of the Mississippi flow to the Gulf. And whenever the people of the United States have an opportunity of giving expression to their opinions at the ballot-box, they would hurl from position an Administration and party which had desolated their land as a foul and unrelenting scourge, drinking the best blood of the nation.

One after another of these hopes have "vanished 'mid this air," until the last, which only waits one week to follow its predecessors; for as sure as seven more suns rise and set, so sure will ABRAHAM LINCOLN be re-elected and his policy be affirmed as that of the Yankee nation. So that they who, in the past, have seen vision after vision of peace arise, must look to some other means than those to accomplish the end so dear to every patriot's heart.

Leaving out of their calculations the availability of our swords and strong right arms; forgetting the truths of history, and denying our ability to wring from the bloody hands of our enemies that which justice and right would long since have accorded, they are casting about for some straw at which to catch to save the country from ruin. Amidst the vagaries which have wandered through their brains, none have appeared more plausible than a Convention of States. It is against this, or some kindred impracticable peace measure, that we would conjure our Legislature to set its face. Unless it is probable that a proposition of this kind would be met with favorable response from some of the Northern States, to discuss it would be a useless waste of time. Who is there so blinded by the false allurements of hope that would believe that a people who would reelect ABRAHAM LINCOLN to be their President another four years, after the perpetration of all his enormities, would listen to the reasonings of an angel? And shall we delude ourselves with the hope that we could influence them by our appeals to their honor, patriotism, or sense of right in a grand national convocation? Would the representative of such a people be better tempered with reason? Or is it not more probable that they would be a counterpart, chosen with a special eye to their fitness, to represent the views of constituents? Our senators and representatives only maddened them with their reasonings in the winter of 1860-61; and if the representatives of the two sections were to meet again, there is a possibility, at least, that mutual exasperation would be the result of deliberations and discussions between them.

Then, even if all the difficulties in the way of assembling such a convention were removed; if it were to meet, that harmony and good sense would reign; that discussions would be conducted with moderation; what would result that would lend the weight of a feather to the establishment of our independence. Here, in our opinion, we have the gist of the whole matter in a nut-shell. Aware of the difficulty of reconciling the great mass of our people to the bare thought of reconstruction, it is squinted at in a way to be least repulsive to their patriotic sensibilities, and with the scheme fairly on foot, hope with the syren voice of peace, to decoy a majority to the support of a measure which would dishonor ourselves, our ancestors, our posterity, our name, and the patriotic blood which has bathed our soil from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

It is for this that we would beseech our Legislature to ponder well any propositions of this character which may be submitted before they act on them. If it be possible, we would delight to see them frowned down entirely.

For the credit of the Empire State, we would have it said that no proposition which would in the slightest degree tarnish her honor, or showed the smallest degree of irresolution, disgraced the proceedings of her Legislature in the darkest hour of our nation's struggle. Whenever the State adopts a line of policy at variance with that of the General Government, codperation ceases, and they have rival interests, which destroy that unity so essentially necessary in a struggle like ours. Then let no apple of discord come between us and our duty. Your actions will be a part of the history of this country, and we would beseech you, by your love of honor, your veneration for freedom, your sense of right, your admiration for our noble dead, and your nobler instincts of manhood, to stand firm, and never allow yourselves to be betrayed into a support of any measure which will in the smallest degree, retract from the bold stand taken by our Governors at Augusta.

THE RECAPTURE OF PLYMOUTH, N. C.

The Goldsboro (N. C.) *Journal* (rebel) gives the following account of the recapture of Plymouth by the Union gunboats:

"On the evening of the 28th ult., Gen. BAKER, commanding that department, received information by the telegraph that the enemy had succeeded in surprising and destroying the gunboat *Albermarle*, near her wharf at Plymouth. Gen. BAKER, accompanied by his staff, immediately left Goldsboro for Plymouth, at which place he arrived on the afternoon of the 30th, in the middle of a fierce bombardment of the town from the fleet of gunboats which had stationed themselves in the middle of the river, out of sight of our batteries. From their concealment the enemy kept up a continuous shower of canister and shell on the devoted town.

Finding all their attempts to sail up to Plymouth direct foiled by the stout resistance from the batteries, under command of Col. WHITFORD, the enemy retired and ascended Perdido River. There they met obstructions, which they soon removed, and reentering the Roanoke from this direction, they attacked the town in reverse. Gen. BAKER attempted to prevent this by throwing out sharpshooters; but, owing to the exceedingly heavy fire of the gunboats, and the accuracy of their fire, these were driven back, and the enemy, finding no opposition, they ascended the Roanoke, and came down upon the town. The first or upper fort was manned by the crew of the *Albemarle*.

This the gunboats sailed past, though several times struck by the shots from its guns, the damage not appearing material. The fleet then paid their special respects to Fort Jones, where they succeeded in dismounting all the guns and exploding the magazine. Meantime the enemy threw an occasional spiteful shot or shell into the town, which caused several of the buildings to take fire.

At this juncture, in the midst of the conflagration of the town, the necessary evacuation of the several forts, and the landing of the enemy, Gen. BAKER issued his orders to blow up the magazine and withdraw the garrison. The manœuvre of falling back was done with such perfect order that nothing of any value fell into the hands of the enemy, with the exception of two guns belonging to LEE's battery, the horses to which had all been killed.

The total loss in killed, wounded and taken prisoners will not exceed twenty-five or thirty men. Gen. BAKER has fallen back only to Jamesville, and seems determined to dispute every foot of ground around Plymouth, he having decided not to evacuate Washington. Thus ended this eventful affair. Though sad in its results to the eastern part of our State, its defence, under such forbidding circumstances, forms another brilliant episode of gallantry in the history of the State.

FLAG OF TRUCE.

From the Savannah Republican Nov. 4.

The steamer *Beauregard*, by appointment, left here with a flag of truce yesterday forenoon, and proceeding down the river, met the Federal steamer *Island City* at the lower end of Elba Island. The object of the meeting was to arrange preliminaries for the contemplated exchange of sick and convalescent prisoners. Lieut.-Col. J. R. WADDY, accompanied by Col. FISER, Lieut.-Col. JONES and Capt. L. J. SMITH, conducted negotiations on our part, and Maj. BENNETT, of the Forty-fourth New-York, represented the Federals.

The *City Island* arrived at the point selected first, but the *Beauregard* soon rounded to and was lashed to her side. Major BENNETT then invited our officers on board his vessel, when an hour or more was consumed with the priminary object of the truce. The conference is understood to have been mutually satisfactory, and Sunday next is appointed for another and final meeting, immediately after which the business of exchange will commence. The Yankee officers were exceedingly polite and courteous, and the intermingling of parties on both sides was free and unrestrained, forming a rather pleasant episode to the bloody history we are making.

Our boat took down quite a number of boxes containing tobacco, clothing, provisions, &c., &c., for our officers now prisoners of war at Fort Pulaski, and the *Island City* was literally loaded down with freight for the Yankee prisoners at Camp Lawton and elsewhere. It consists chiefly of blankets, shoes and clothing of all kinds, and judging from what we have seen, it will no doubt be received with rejoicing. Some three hours were consumed in interchanging and packing away the cargoes, after which the two boats parted with the usual civilities.

The proposition immediately under consideration confines the exchange to the sick and convalescent, together with such prisoners as are now in the two departments, respectively; but it is believed that, when once inaugurated, it will be extended indefinitely and include all prisoners of war now in the hands of the two belligerents. The steamer which last reached Hilton Head from Fortress Monroe, reported twenty-five transports ready to sail South, and we were informed that the steamers *Atlantic* and *Baltic* were yesterday off Hilton Head and supposed to be loaded with prisoners, when the *Island City* left.

Our prisoners at Fort Pulaski are represented as in excellent health and buoyant with the hope of an early return to their country and friends.

The truce-boat brought up New-York papers to the 29th ult., and the Port Royal *New South* to date.

FROM GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

Another Feeble Demonstration by the Rebels.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, FRIDAY, Nov. 11.

On Wednesday evening, about 7 o clock, a force of the enemy was discovered massing in front of our line, near Fort Steadman, when the guns of the fort opened fire, driving them to their works to seek shelter.

The rebel batteries replied briskly for a time, but they were soon silenced by our shells and mortars.

A force of about one hundred and fifty rebels shortly after made a sortie from their lines, and attempted to penetrate ours, but, being met by a salute from our pickets, were not long in finding their way back, and putting themselves under cover.

A Lieutenant in the Eighth New-York Heavy Artillery was fatally wounded yesterday when behind the breastworks. A sharpshooter watched a chance to retaliate, and in less than an hour a rebel, who appeared above their breastworks, afforded him an opportunity to do so. In an instant he fell pierced by a bullet.

As the enemy seem determined to pursue the policy of shooting at every man they see, our men are forced to retaliate accordingly.

The pickets in front of the Second Corps were briskly engaged most of last night, and the reports of musketry at times was almost continuous.

This morning all is quiet.

The Commissioners and agents from Philadelphia arrested on the charge of issuing incorrectly printed blanks and tally-lists, have been ordered to Washington for examination by the Secretary of War. They start this morning.

W. D. McGREGOR.

GEN. SHERIDAN'S ARMY.

Our Forces Withdrawn to Winchester.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday, Nov. 12.

A gentleman who returned from the Valley, to-day, states that the larger part of Gen. SHERIDAN's army is in the neighborhood of Winchester, while the enemy is at Newmarket, receiving reinforcements.

There have been no active military operations recently.

ATLANTA.

The Evacuation and Burning of the Place Denied.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Nov. 12.

The *Gazette* has a dispatch from Nashville, which denies the reported evacuation of Atlanta by Gen. SHERMAN, and the destruction of the Atlanta and Chattanooga Railroad.

A Rebel Attack Repulsed.

CHATTANOOGA, Friday, Nov. 11.

One of the editors of the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, just arrived from the front, reports that on Monday morning, at daylight, the rebels attacked our pickets south of Atlanta, killed one, wounded two of the Third Indiana, but subsequently they fell back.

On Wednesday morning the rebels made three attacks on Atlanta, shells being thrown as far as Rolling Mill.

The most desperate attack was made on the Rough and Ready road. The rebel artillery was within one hundred yards of our works, and their infantry and dismounted cavalry within two hundred yards.

Our men were aroused from their slumbers, and quickly manned the defences and soon drove the rebels off.

The rebels were part of YOUNG's command, and they finally retreated toward Macon.

Our army is in excellent spirits, and well supplied with rations.

The election has gone largely for LINCOLN.

THE WAR IN ARKANSAS.

Movements of Gen. Price.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Friday, Nov. 11.

Gen. PRICE turned westward from Cane Hill, Ark., on the 4th instant.

On the 6th, Gen. THAYER moved a force up the north side of the river, from here, for the purpose of attacking PRICE, but fearing that Gen. COOPER would move foward Fort Smith with a rebel force of 7,000 men, he thought it best to return there.

Gen. THAYER can hold Fort Smith against Gens. PRICE and COOPER united, having plenty of supplies, artillery and ammunition.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

Latest from Tennessee River—Great Destruction of Property—Johnsonville Reinforced—Very Severe Fighting.

From the Louisville Democrat, Nov. 8.

Col. MAY left Johnsonville at 6:30 o'clock on Saturday evening, and arrived in our city yesterday. From him we gather the following information, which may be relied upon as correct:

In order that our readers may more fully understand the condition of affairs up that stream, we date back to Wednesday last, at which time the attack upon Johnsonville may really be said to have commenced. About 3 o'clock on that afternoon, the three gunboats at Johnsonville—Nos. 29, 33 and 52—moved down the river a short distance, for the purpose of recapturing the *Venus*, which had been taken by the rebels. When a short distance below Johnsonville, the gunboat *Undine*, which had been captured some time since by the rebels, gave our boats fight. The engagement lasted for several hours, and until the *Venus* had been disabled by a cannon ball, which cut her steam drum. After this the rebel gunboat withdrew, and the *Venus* fell into our hands. When she was recaptured, she was armed with two 20-pound Parrott guns. She also had a full supply of ammunition, &c., all of which was taken to Johnsonville. On this day nothing further of interest transpired.

On Thursday morning the gunboat *Undine* appeared near Johnsonville, and manœuvered about as if offering battle. Our gunboats weighed anchor and started out to meet her, when the *Undine* at once moved down the river and disappeared behind the bend, some two miles below Johnsonville. Thinking that this was but a dodge to run our boats into a trap, they returned to Johnsonville. During the whole of the day the rebel sharpshooters, who were on the opposite bank of the river, kept up a continual fire upon our gunboats, killing a number of the men.

Friday morning was the day of the hard fighting, and the day upon which over $6,000,000 worth of property was sacrificed to the flames. At an early hour in the morning the gunboat *Undine* came to within four or five hundred miles of Johnsonville and presented a broadside, as if she intended to fire upon the town. The gunboats 29, 32 and 52 were sent in pursuit of her, and they had no sooner started than the *Undine* immediately put off and dodged behind the same bend where she disappeared the previous day. The gunboats followed her into the bend, and they had no sooner made the turn than they were opened upon by a rebel battery of twelve 24-pound Parrott guns, said to be supported by 10,000 men, and also by the *Undine*. About this time four gunboats came up the river and engaged the battery on the other side. The fight between the boats lasted from early Friday morning till about noon, during which time a most terrific cannonading was kept up.

Our gunboats were unable to pass the battery, and being separated were unable to cope with it. After a most determined resistance the gunboats were compelled to retire in a crippled condition. About 11 o'clock and during the engagement the *Undine* was run into the shore by the rebels, and burned to prevent her being captured. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon a party of rebel sharpshooters made their appearance on the opposite shore from Johnsonville, and commenced firing upon the transports, while the gunboats threw small shells into the rebel ranks, which dispersed them. When the rebels had succeeded in getting all the gunboats and transports to the lower landing, which was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, they immediately opened on the boats from their batteries, all of which were composed of twenty-pound Parrot guns. There were four batteries opposite the city, one at the upper end, one at the lower, and two just in the centre. The fire of all these batteries was concentrated on the boats lying at the Johnsonville wharf, and in less than fifteen minutes the gunboats were a complete wreck. Now that the gunboats were destroyed, and the Federal commander fearing that the transports, with their cargoes, would fall into the hands of the enemy, he called a council of war, at which it was decided that the transports should be destroyed. The order was at once given, and in a short time the following boats were wrapped in one sheet of flame: *Dans No. 2, Arcola, Duke, Goody Friends, Aurora, Mountaineer, J. B. Ford, Highlander* and *Venice*. The flames were communicated to the barges, which were loaded with government freight, and in less time than it takes to record it they fell a prey to the devouring element.

The wharf at Johnsonville was covered with Government freight, and the flames were soon communicated to it. Men were detailed to subdue the raging fire, but they would no sooner make their appearance than the rebel batteries and sharpshooters would fire upon them. The fire next communicated to the Government warehouses, which contained 650 tons of provisions. Not only were the boats and barges with their contents destroyed, but all the freight on the wharf and the warehouse, together with its contents, were one heap of ruins. As the immense conflagration was raging with unabated fury, the rebel batteries kept up one of the most terrific cannonadings ever heard, shot and shell bursting from the mouths of over thirty twenty-pound Parrott guns. The scene during the entire Friday evening, and to a late hour in the night was grand and terrific, and baffles description. The amount of property destroyed, including the boats and barges, some forty in number, is estimated at about $6,000,000. We were unable to learn the number of losses on either side.

On Saturday morning, about 7 o'clock, the rebel batteries opposite the city again opened on Johnsonville, and kept up a brisk cannonading for some time. The citizens and non-combatants commenced to leave the town in the morning, and as they went out of the road they were shelled by the rebel batteries and a number of them killed. About 10 o'clock the cannonading was again commenced, and lasted about thirty minutes. From that time until 6 o'clock in the evening all was quiet, but at that time, which was when our informant left, the cannonading was resumed, but with what results we are unable to state.

The forces at Johnsonville were under the command of Col. THOMPSON. On Saturday evening Col. GALLUP arrived there with a brigade of troops and several guns. The party which left Johnsonville, when on their way to Nashville, met a considerable Federal force with siege guns, under command of Gen. SCHOFIELD, going to the relief of the forces there. When these reinforcements reach Johnsonville, the place will be entirely safe from any attack the rebels can make on it.

The rebel force, which is estimated at 20,000 strong, is under the command of Gens. CHALMERS, LYON, FORREST and RODDY. It is impossible, as yet, to tell what is the intention of the rebel force, but it is generally believed that they are moving down the river. The above are the facts as related by persons who were present all the time.

Persons who arrived from Nashville last evening bring up many exciting rumors, one of which is to the effect that a portion of the rebel force had succeeded in crossing the river and getting between Johnsonville and Gen. SCHOFIELD's force, and that the latter had telegraphed that he was advancing cautiously. We give the latter merely as a rumor, without vouching for its accuracy.

Sherman's Movements—Where He Will Strike.

From the Chicago Tribune.

It is already known that BEAUREGARD and HOOD, stilking westward from the line of the railroad connecting Atlanta with Chattanooga, have crossed the Tennessee River at Florence, a point in Alabama two hundred miles west of Atlanta, and but about one hundred miles equidistant from Nashville and Memphis, leaning toward the latter. The design of this movement, as boastfully announced or luminously hinted in advance by JEFF. DAVIS in his recent speeches, and by the desperately-sanguine rebel papers, was to make such a demonstration in SHERMAN's rear as would oblige the latter to abandon Georgia from Chatanooga to Atlanta, in order to prevent BEAUREGARD from capturing Nashville and Memphis. Events will prove whether BEAUREGARD and HOOD in adopting this strategy are geniuses or fools. Certainly it is either far above or much below the standard of prudence and common sense. BEAUREGARD's entire force is not estimated to be over forty or forty-five thousand, and to attend to this the forces under Gen. THOMAS will be found fully adequate. Indeed, already is it intimated that the rebels have halted in their advance, or are retiring.

Meantime Gen. SHERMAN, with two hundred miles the start of BEAUREGARD, with no enemy in front and with, as he expresses it, "*the whole Southern States open to him*," left Atlanta several days ago with an army of seventy-five thousand men, and will sweep with the irresistible power of a torando down into the heart of Georgia and South Carolina and Charleston and Mobile. He will march in three grand columns or corps d'armée, each well provided with artillery and cavalry, wholly abandoning and probably destroying Atlanta—destroying the roads and bridges in his rear—gathering supplies from the country and receiving the fugitives, who will flock to his standard probably by thousands. In short, for the first time during the war, our armies will have passed through the shell of the rebellion and will move unopposed through the enemy's country. An opportunity will be given to the Union men, black and white, on his route to flock to the standard of the Union.

It is believed that SHERMAN will arrive at his objective point with a reinforcement of not less than fifty thousand able-bodied men, plucked from the heart of the enemy's country. The occupation of the navigable line of the Savannah river, and the fall of Charleston and Savannah before a rear attack, would constitute a far more disastrous blow to the rebellion than the fall of Richmond. Jeff. Davis would, in fact, be called upon either to abandon South Carolina and Georgia to their fate, or to attempt to rescue them by the abandonment of Richmond in the face of GRANT's largely superior army, a dangerous and probably impracticable undertaking. Indeed, it is evident that JEFF. DAVIS will have enough to do to save the Richmond army from annihilation, if he ventures to leave his strong intrenchment at Richmond and Petersburgh. On the other hand, BEAUREGARD is already two hundred miles in the rear of SHERMAN, and has neither facilities to overtake him, nor strength to fight him when overtaken.

Never during the war has either party held the other so completely at disadvantage as SHERMAN now holds his incautious and blundering adversary. Of course there are in the unforeseen possibilities of war, contingencies which may turn the most promising situations into disaster. To all human appearances the game appears to be wholly in SHERMAN's hands. Certainly HOOD, in uncovering SHERMAN's front and attacking his communications, has reversed the policy of Gen. JOHNSTON, who is universally accounted a strategist far superior to his successors. So far from SHERMAN fearing, or JOHNSTON desiring such a movement as BEAUREGARD and HOOD have just made, every flank movement which SHERMAN made to JOHNSTON's rear was an invitation to JOHNSTON to act on SHERMAN's rear to the fullest extent he might deem desirable. JOHNSTON, however, cautiously declined every such inducement, preferring to fall back and keep constantly in SHERMAN's front. Either JOHNSTON or BEAUREGARD, therefore, were sadly deficient in generalship. If SHERMAN won Atlanta by the blundering of HOOD in sending merely his cavalry to SHERMAN's rear, it is difficult to see why he should not win Charleston and Savannah, now that BEAUREGARD and HOOD, in repetition to the same blunder on a more stupendous scale, have sent their whole army some two hundred miles to SHERMAN's rear, thus uncovering to his victorious legions the whole prize which the former seek to defend and the latter to possess.

From Cairo.

CAIRO, Ill., Nov. 12.

Advices from Paducah to the 9th inst. report that the rebels have disappeared from this side of Johnsonville.

No part of the rebel army of Gen. FORREST is believed to be on the east side of the river, they having gone, it is thought, to join Gen. HOOD.

Gen. SCHOFIELD, with 1,500 troops, had arrived at Johnville, and that place is regarded as perfectly secure.

The Tennessee River will soon be open again.

The tornado which passed over Washington County, Ill., on the 9th inst., destroyed many buildings, killed one person and wounded several others.

The district of Western Kentucky has given a majority for LINCOLN, where the changes in public opinion are greater than in any other part of the Union.

A Memphis paper of the 10th inst. says that the vote in Memphis is as follows: For LINCOLN, 1,604; for MCCLELLAN, 2,623. This information is rejected.

Detachments of Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Wisconsin troops give large LINCOLN majorities.

The Sixth Tennessee Cavalry gives a unanimous vote of 500 for LINCOLN.

Steamers from below bring 400 bales of cotton for St Louis.

The Sequel of Lieut. Cushing's Exploit—Recapture of Plymouth, N. C.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Nov. 12.

The *American* has a dispatch dated Roanoke Island, Nov. 2, 1864, wherein, after an account of the destruction of the rebel ram *Albemarle* by the brave Lieut. CUSHING, the writer gives the following particulars of the recapture of Plymouth, N. C., by our navy, the final result of that bold exploit:

"Lieut. CUSHING has accomplished a great deed, and has been the cause of relieving quite a number of good loyal North Carolinians from distress and starvation.

After this was done the fleet, under Commander W. H. MACOMB, proceeded up the Roanoke River within a short distance of the town, when they came to some obstructions, and after exchanging a few shots returned.

On Sunday, the 30th ult., the fleet proceeded to the Roanoke River through Middle River, above the town, and shelled Plymouth with telling effect.

On Monday morning Commander MACOMB steamed down the river, followed by the remainder of his fleet, and while passing opposite the town gave the rebels shell, grape and canister, to their hearts' content. MACOMB then landed about one hundred men from his ship in charge of Lieut. DAWES, and Paymaster SANDS, and they immediately charged upon Fort Bateman and carried it, capturing about forty prisoners.

The rebels finding things rather too severe, evacuated the town immediately. We captured forty heavy and twelve pieces of light artillery, together with a large quantity of small arms. The road leading out of Plymouth, as far as we have been, was strewn with muskets, haversacks, &c., showing that the rebels had made a complete stampede.

The whole garrison did not have stores enough to last them twenty-four hours. In the engagement one of the rebel magazines was blown up by our guns, and its explosion set fire to the town. All the buildings on Water-street were destroyed.

The town is now held by our gunboats, and a small land force commanded by Col. WARDROP. Glory to CUSHING for so brave an act! And glory to Commander MACOMB for following it up, and relieving a large portion of North Carolina.

The above intelligence was given us by Lieut. LONGWORTH, of the Second North Carolina Union Volunteers, who has been in the town, and is thoroughly acquainted with all the incidents of its capture.

We learn that nine of the men who accompanied Lieut. CUSHING, are prisoners, together with Paymaster SWAN, who was wounded in the shoulder. Masters Mate WOODMAN, who was also one of the party, was killed."

Schooner Amelia Ashore.

TORONTO, C. W., Saturday, Nov. 12.

The schooner *Amelia*, from Chicago, with 16,000 bushels corn, is ashore forty miles north of Goderich, and will likely be a total loss.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

OBSEQUIES OF COUNT DE GIORGI.—The funeral of Count DE GIORGI took place yesterday morning at St. Stephen's Church. A grand requiem high mass was performed, as at the death of Archbishop HUGHES. Among the distinguished persons present were the Russian Consul, Gen. MOTT, WM. B. ASTOR, District-Attorney DELAFIELD SMITH, Judge INGRAHAM, Collector DRAPER, Surveyor WAKEMAN and Naval Officer DENNISON. Father CUMMINGS delivered an eloquent discourse.

ARRIVAL OF THE PRIZE STEAMER LADY STIRLING.—The prize steamer *Lady Stirling*, which arrived in this port last Friday evening, in tow of the United States steamer *Calypso*, is now lying off the Battery. Acting-Ensign WILLIAM JENNINGS is in command of the vessel. The *Lady Stirling* was built in London, and launched about four months ago. She is built of iron, and is about nine hundred and sixty tons burden, and had on board, when captured, over 400,000 pounds of cotton and some four tons of tobacco. The United States steamer *Mohican* convoyed the *Calypso* and prize to Sandy Hook, and sailed again for Hampton Roads.

DROWNED.—JAMES ETSELL, a seaman recently employed on the bark *Lawton*, was accidentally drowned, yesterday afternoon, near Pier No. 3 East River. The body was not recovered.

COURT-MARTIAL OF COL. MAIDHOFF.—The Court-Martial convened to try the several charges preferred against Col. MAIDHOFF, of the Eleventh Regiment N. Y. N. G., find the accused guilty of disobedience to his superior officer in refusing to take his regiment to Washington, when ordered to do so by Maj.-Gen. SANFORD. On the other charge of inciting his officers to disobedience, he was found not guilty.

The court sentenced the Colonel to be cashiered, and incapacitated from holding any office in the State Militia for one year.

The sentence has been approved by Gen. SANFORD.

"THE CHRISTIAN UNION ASSOCIATION."—This is an organization which has been developed out of a series of sermons on the subject of "Christian Union," begun last year in the city. Its aim is to unite in a federal union all evangelical denominations which are now substantially one in doctrine. It seeks to secure the rights of denominations just as States are guaranteed their rights, but points to a union which may serve to give it power in propagating Christianity. This it proposes to secure by first of all inviting clergymen all over the country to state their views whether adverse to or in favor of union. Its plans and purposes will be unfolded from time to time. A series of sermons, in which nearly fifty prominent clergymen are engaged, is now progressing. The officers of this Association are:

President—Hon. ALEX. W. BRADFORD.

Vice-Presidents—A. V. Stout, Daniel Lord, John Stevenson, Smith Sheiden, Wm. B. Crosby, Shepherd Knapp, Seth B. Hunt, Fred. S. Winston, C. C. North, Gen. John A. Dix, H. E. Pierrepont, Cyrus P. Smith, H. B. Claflin, Thos. Jeremiah, Hon. Charles Thurber, R. P. Buck, Wm. Curtis Noyes, Hiram Ketchum, Joshua Leavitt, Edgar Ketchum and Walter S. Miller.

Treasurers—M. M. Hurd and O. A. Jarvis.

Secretaries—J. M. Buckingham and Rev. Henry Kimball.

Chairman of the Executive Committee—Rev. W. A. Muhlenberg, D. D.

Rev. F. C. EWER and Rev. EDWARD TAYLOR will preach in the series to-morrow evening, the former in St. Ann's Church, Eighteenth-street, and the latter in Dr. POTTER's Church, Brooklyn. A series of other sermons of the Union is in course of preparation. The association will hold its first quarterly meeting early in January, and then develop further its plans for securing the end desired.

DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY IN BROADWAY.—JAS. WILSON and C. PARKER were yesterday arraigned before Justice LEDWITH, at the Second District Police Court, charged on the complaint of Mr. JAMES L. WARNER, of No. 579 Broadway, with having made a felonious assault upon him, with an attempt at robbery, at an early hour yesterday morning. From the testimony in the case, it appears that the accused made the first attack on Mr. WARNER as he was passing through Bleecker-street. One of the ruffians came up behind him and struck him a violent blow, and as he turned for the purpose of defending himself, the accomplice dealt a blow that nearly brought him down. WARNER fought desperately for a few minutes against the two, and although considerably stunned by blows he had received, he succeeded in tearing himself from their grasp, and ran into Broadway, where he was overtaken by his pursuers. One of them there caught WARNER by the throat and choked him so severely that he fell to the sidewalk. They then caught hold of the chain attached to a double-cased gold hunting watch which was in Mr. WARNER's vest pocket. The chain was torn away from the watch, leaving the latter in his pocket. At this moment the cries of Mr. WARNER brought some of the Fifteenth Precinct Police to the spot, and after an exciting chase both PARKER and WILSON were taken into custody. Justice SEDWITH committed them in default of $1,500 bail each. Mr. WARNER believes the assassins knew he had a $350 watch on his person.

COUNTERFEITS ON THE HINGHAM BANK, MASS.—DANIEL CASEY and DANIEL SULLIVAN were arrested, charged with having passed spurious $5 bills on the Hingham Bank, of Hingham, Mass. One of the counterfeits was passed upon GEORGE KUNTZ, of No. 148 Le